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To: Comagine Health
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Subject: Face-to-face and in-person assessments required for individuals who receive 1915(i) and Behavioral Health Personal Care Attendant (BH PCA) services effective Aug. 15, 2023

Starting Aug. 15, 2023, Comagine Health, the current Independent and Qualified Agent (IQA) for 1915(i) and BH PCA service eligibility assessments, will no longer perform assessments by phone. Instead, Comagine Health must complete all assessments:

- **In person or via telehealth for 1915(i) services**, as described in Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) [410-172-0850](#) and [410-120-1990](#).
- **In person for BH PCA services**, as described in OAR [410-172-0830\(2\)](#).

Why is this happening?

This change is part of Oregon's transition away from flexibilities permitted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), which ended May 11, 2023.

What should you do?

If your consumers need an assessment of their 1915(i) or BH PCA service eligibility on or after August 15, please let them know that their assessment will be through telehealth or in-person for 1915(i) and in-person for BH PCA.

Questions?

For 1915(i)-related questions: Email FFS.BH@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

For BH PCA-related questions: Email PC.20@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

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