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Subject: Date changes for QMHA and QMHP provider registration and certification timeline

In December, the Oregon Health Authority announced [QMHA and QMHP provider registration and certification requirements effective January 1, 2019](#). Implementation dates for the grandparenting and new applicant processes under these requirements have been delayed. The new dates are listed below:

- **7/15/2019:** OHA will amend Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) to reflect the new process.
- **7/31/2019:** Grandparenting phase will end.
- **8/01/2019:** Begin [new applicant process](#).
- **8/01/2019 – 12/31/2019:** OHA site reviews will include verification of QMHA/QMHP certifications.
- **1/01/2020:** OHA site reviews will include findings of non-compliance where QMHA/QMHP certification requirements are not met.

OHA will provide more information about the registration process for Mental Health Interns by June 2019.

What should you do?

Please complete grandparenting for all eligible QMHA/QMHP staff; learn more on [the MHACBO website](#). All Clinical Supervisors who **do not** hold a license from a health or allied agency must do this by **July 31, 2019**. If they do not, they will need to complete the longer new applicant process.

Continue to enroll new staff as rendering providers with Oregon Medicaid, as appropriate.

Questions?

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your work supporting Oregonians across the state.