



Memorandum

To: OSH Community Partners

From: Dolly Matteucci, Superintendent

Date: Feb. 5, 2021

Subject: Expedited admissions process for Oregon State Hospital

Dear Community Partners:

We want to express our gratitude on behalf of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon State Hospital (OSH) for your understanding and collaboration during the pandemic as we strive to balance the need for treatment with protecting the health of our patients.

OHA and OSH have recently worked with the Attorney General's Office to create an expedited admissions process for people under civil commitment. We have also updated language within our existing expedited admission protocol for forensic commitments to provide clarity.

- [Expedited Admissions Process – Civil](#)
(civilly committed, admitted voluntarily by guardian or health care representative)
- [Expedited Admissions Process – Forensic](#)
(ORS 161.370, ORS 161.365, and ORS 161.327)

The new process for people under civil commitment provides acute care hospitals the opportunity to request review when there are special circumstances due to an individual's dangerousness to others. The process allowing jails to request review for people under forensic commitment continues to focus on special circumstances due to an individual's risk of harm to self.



Thank you for your continued partnership in serving this vulnerable population.

Sincerely,

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