**COVID-19 Interim Smart Path Assessments and Referrals Policy**

To comply with Social Distancing recommendations, and to ensure the safety of both providers and participants and the efficiency of our services, trained Smart Path Assessors and agencies accepting Smart Path referrals are instructed to follow the interim policies outlined below, until further notice.

**Assessments**

Smart Path assessments can now be conducted telephonically following the same protocols established for Face-to-Face assessments.

**Release of Information (ROI)**

For profiles that don’t already have a current ROI on file - Assessors can accept verbal consents for the Release of Information. To document in HMIS:

1. Select **Signed Paper Document** in the HMIS Release of Information Box next to **Documentation**
2. Type in the **Location** box: Verbal consent given to [Assessor’s full name]

**Referrals**

Send referral requests to Monica.Lippi@SantaCruzCounty.us (not Smart.Path@SantaCruzCounty.us). Referrals will be sent to agencies when requested, however, agencies should submit requests in advance of availability/openings in anticipation of a delayed response. Continue to provide referral status updates to Monica when available.