



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) stakeholders of operational changes to the PASRR process. The PASRR process requires all applicants to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities (NF) be given a preliminary assessment (Level I) to determine whether they might have a mental illness (MI) and/or an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD). Those individuals who test positive at Level I are then referred for a more in-depth evaluation (Level II). The result of the Level II evaluation provides a determination of need, most appropriate setting, and a set of recommendations for services to inform the individual's care plan (42 CFR 483.100-138).

Information:

Due to COVID-19, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) worked with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement

temporary changes to the PASSR process. Pre-admission Level I and Level II PASRR requests were temporarily suspended as a result of the 1135 waiver. Due to the waiver, NFs were directed to submit a post-admission Level I update within 30 days of admitting a client to determine if a Level II evaluation would be needed. Effective April 22, 2021, all PASRR requirements will be fully reinstated. The PASRR process will require all applicants to Medicaid-certified NFs to be given a pre-admission screen (Level I) to determine whether they might have MI and/or IDD before admittance to the NF. Those individuals who appear to have an indication of MI and/or IDD will be referred for a more in-depth evaluation (Level II). The result of the Level II evaluation will provide a determination of need, most appropriate setting, and a set of recommendations for services to inform the individual's care plan (42 CFR 483.100-138). Pre-admission Level I assessments are expected to be completed as follows:

The single-entry point agencies will complete the Level I screen for Medicaid clients.

The NF will complete the Level I screen for non-Medicaid individuals admitted from the community or pay source change.

The hospital will complete the Level I for non-Medicaid individuals admitted to nursing facility from the hospital.

Effective April 22, 2021, the Telligen review team will be working with NF staff to schedule in-person Level II evaluations. Providers are advised to continue to take precautions as provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Additional resources are available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) (<https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe>) websites for the latest on what to do to ensure that providers, clients, and the community remain safe.

Attachment:

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