

Pediatric Long Term Home Health Updates

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Pediatric Long-Term Home Health (PLTHH) Prior Authorization Request (PAR) Restart

The PAR process allows HCPF to demonstrate a statewide surveillance and utilization review process that meets federal regulations. All PLTHH services will begin phasing in a PAR requirement in the Spring of 2025. This process will be separate from the case management PAR process.

PLTHH PAR Updates and Looking Forward:

PAR Timeline - Looking Back:

- PLTHH PARs were paused: July 1, 2020
- Phased-in approach to resuming PLTHH PARs began: November 1, 2021
- PLTHH PARs paused again: February 28, 2022 - Present

New PAR Restart Work Updates:

- Soft Launch PT, OT, ST PARs starting **February 3, 2025**
- Go-Live PT, OT, ST PARs no sooner than **May 1, 2025** (dependent on MOE)
- Go-Live RN and CNA PARs **July 1, 2025**
- SEE [Operational Memo \(OM\) 24-060](#)

Provider Training Resources

ColoradoPAR Training

January 13, 2025, 12:00 PM	Acentra Portal Registration and PAR Submission Training
January 14, 2025, 8:30 AM	Acentra Portal Registration and PAR Submission Training
January 16, 2025, 3:00 PM	Acentra Portal Registration and PAR Submission Training
January 21, 2025, 3:00 PM	Acentra PLTHH Provider Benefit Specific Training (PBST)
January 23, 2025, 12:00 PM	Acentra PLTHH Provider Benefit Specific Training (PBST)
January 27, 2025, 12:00 PM	Acentra PLTHH Provider Benefit Specific Training (PBST)
January 29, 2025, 8:30 AM	Acentra PLTHH Provider Benefit Specific Training (PBST)
February 4, 2025, 9:00 AM	Acentra Long-Term Home Health Open Hours
February 6, 2025, 12:00 PM	Acentra Long-Term Home Health Open Hours
February 13, 2025, 9:00 AM	Acentra Long-Term Home Health Open Hours

Portal Registration and PAR Submission Training

Ongoing Atrezzo Provider Po

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to sign up for trainings!



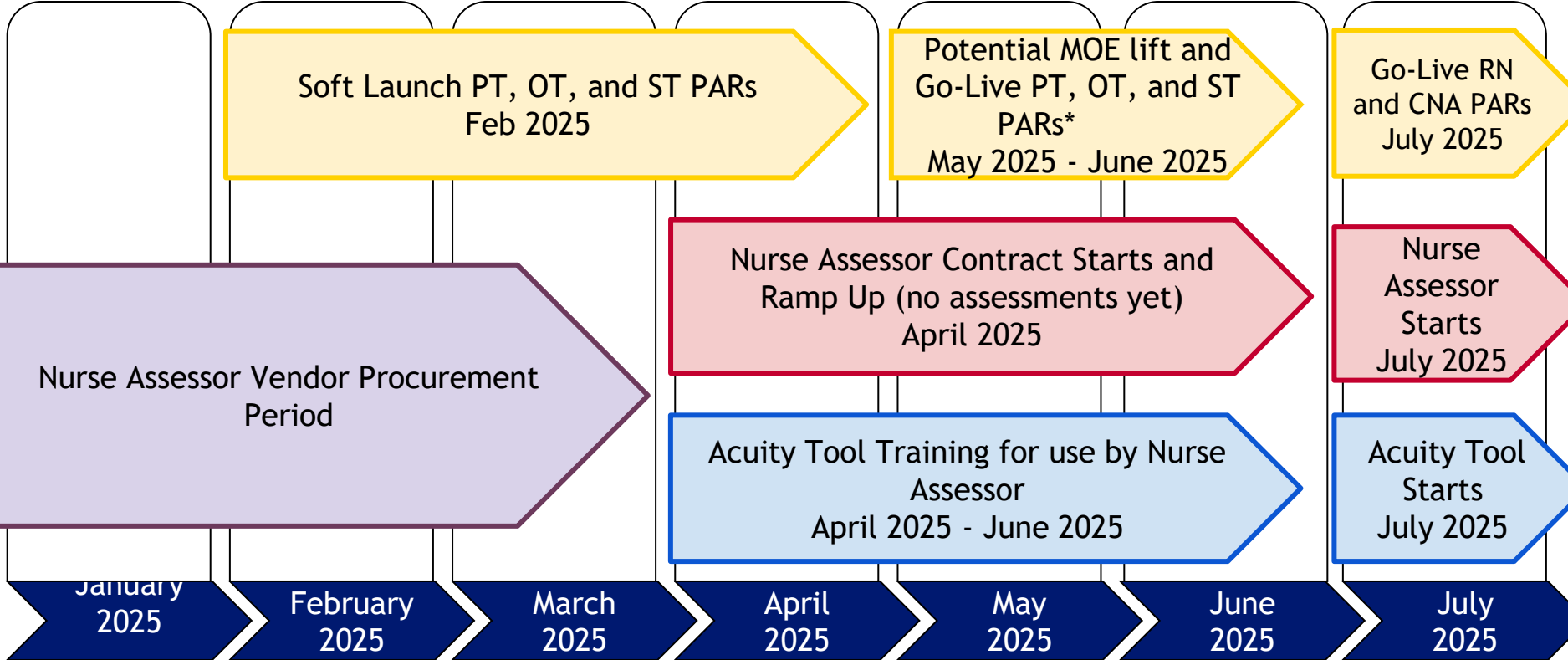
Nurse Assessor

The Nurse Assessor is a process to streamline the way members are assessed and receive a recommendation for skilled care services. The nurse assessor will utilize the newly developed valid and reliable acuity tool to reduce duplicative service authorizations and remove a conflict of interest on behalf of providers, while providing member education on all available skilled care service options.

Updates and Looking Forward: Nurse Assessor

- Work started on this initiative Summer 2024
- HCPF has posted a request for proposal (RFP) to solicit vendor interest in conducting this work on behalf of HCPF
 - Limited stakeholder engagement can occur during the RFP process
- HCPF anticipates phasing in the nurse assessor with the resumption of pediatric LTHH PAR requirements
- The nurse assessor will use the newly developed Skilled Care Acuity Assessment to determine level and hours needed of skilled care for both pediatric and adult members

LTTH PAR and Nurse Assessor Implementation Timeline



GO - LIVE for PT, OT, ST cannot begin until the MOE is lifted by CMS for Colorado