

Connecticut PASRR

Quarterly Provider Newsletter: Best Practices for Hospital Admissions to Nursing Facility

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In the event that a Level I does not result in a suspected or known Level II condition:

- A Level of Care (LOC) is **not** required if the applicant is under 65 years of age - or - is 65 or older and not Medicaid active, eligible, or pending.
- If the applicant is 65 or older and is Medicaid active, eligible, or pending, a Level of Care must be completed. The admitting facility **must** also prescreen the individual to ensure that they meet LOC.

The admitting and discharging facility communicate Level I, and LOC (if applicable) information. **The admitting facility accepts responsibility for ensuring that the individual meets state criteria for NF admission.**

If the individual is Medicaid active, pending or eligible, once they are admitted to the nursing facility, the facility should **complete the LOC and submit it to Maximus with the MD attestation** (first option marked). For submissions sent after normal business hours, the facility should receive an outcome the next business day. The receiving facility may be requested to provide additional information to Maximus, as needed, in order to complete the LOC.

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In the event that the Level I approves an Exempted Hospital Discharge:

The Provider must **forward a Practitioner Certification with the second option marked**, indicating that the individual's stay will be 30 days or less. No LOC is required.

If the individual's stay is expected to exceed 30 days, **a LOC screen must be submitted by the 30th day** for all persons admitted to the NF under this criterion.

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In the event that the Level I approves a 60 day Convalescence:

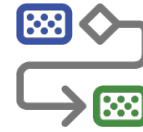
The Provider must forward a Practitioner Certification with the **third option** marked. A LOC screen is required. If the individual's stay is **expected to exceed 60 days, a LOC screen must be submitted by the 60th day** for all persons admitted to the NF under this criterion.

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In the event that Assessmentpro indicates further review is required by an Maximus Clinician (a Level II condition is likely present and the person does not meet EHD), the admission cannot occur until Maximus approves the admission.

It is crucial that the Practitioner Certification be correctly filled out. If the correct criteria is not marked, the **Clinical Reviewer will delete the Practitioner Certification and request a new one** be signed with correct criteria marked. The screen associated with the Practitioner Certification is not valid until the Practitioner Certification is received.

PROCESS REMINDER: Transfers from a Nursing Facility to a Hospital, then back to a Nursing Facility



If a resident transfers from a nursing facility to a (medical or psychiatric) hospital and back to the nursing facility system, **no new screen is required unless there has been a PASRR status change**. If there has been a significant status change for a person with MI and/or ID, a new Level II may be required.

However, the individual can be readmitted before the PASRR screening, but **a new Level I (status change) must be submitted by the readmitting facility** to determine whether a Level II is needed.

- If the individual has a negative Level I screen (no evidence of MI and/or ID/RC), the Level I remains from the date in which the most recent screen was conducted.
- If the individual required LOC screening **because of his/her Medicaid status** (not due to PASRR), the LOC remains valid from the date in which the most recent screen was conducted.
- If the individual has a positive **Level II condition**:

And the prior admission was **approved under a time limited provision (such as emergency, Exempted Hospital Discharge, delirium, or a short term medical approval)**, a new Level I screen must be completed and, if appropriate, a Level II referral should occur.

And the prior admission was **approved via a Level II evaluation**, a new Level II should be conducted.

The hospital is responsible for sending all PASRR approvals to the admitting nursing facility. Level I/LOC approvals are valid for 60 days from the date in which the most recent screen was conducted for NF placement. Approvals become valid on the date the individual admits to the NF.

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