

IOWA PASRR TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS	
Term/Acronym	Definition
ACA	Affordable Care Act, amended as part of the Health Care Education Reconciliation Act in March 2010
ACL	Administration for Community Living, federal agency which includes the Administration of Aging (AoA)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act, July 26, 1990 - signed into law by George HW Bush
ADS	Aging and Disability Services, a Division within Iowa HHS, where PASRR is now housed and managed, in collaboration with Medicaid
Aging Appropriate Language	Use of language that reduces ageism, replacing “Elderly,” with “Older Adults,” and similar changes
AoA	Administration on Aging, federal agency
AssessmentPro (AP)	Name of the platform for Iowa PASRR Database as of October 1, 2020
BH	Behavioral Health, a term used to describe mental health and substance use/abuse related issues
CAR Form	Case Activity Report, a form populated for IA Medicaid by entries of admission, transfer, discharge, level of care, and payment source info for NFs, in part of the Iowa PASRR Database; “PathTracker Plus,” or PathTracker+
CFEU	Centralized Facilities Eligibility Unit, a unit within Iowa Medicaid, which determines eligibility for nursing facility Medicaid
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services, Federal Agency, subset of SAMHSA
CMS	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, Federal Agency, which administers PASRR
Conservator	A person with legal authority to serve as substitute decision maker for financial and property matters, can only be granted by court order
CPW	Child Protective Worker
DA	Dependent Adult – individuals who meet Iowa’s NF level of care also meet the definition of a dependent adult (DAA= Dependent Adult Abuse)
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DAP	Disability Access Point, a new descriptor of an information and referral resource available to Iowans as of July 1, 2025
DD	Developmental Disability, similar to Related Condition in PASRR
DHS	The Iowa Department of Human Services, which became the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on July 1, 2022

DIAL	The Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (formerly referred to as DIA)
DPOA	Durable Power of Attorney, a form or arrangement created when an individual signs a legal document to designate substitute decision maker(s) for healthcare, usually to be activated in the event of future incapacity, but occasionally takes effect immediately depending on language in the document
DSM-V	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth (or latest) Edition, 2013, product of American Psychiatric Association (APA)
EMR or EHR	Electronic Medical Record or Electronic Health Record
Guardian	A person with legal authority to serve as substitute decision maker for healthcare matters, can only be granted by court order
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services, Federal (and State) Agency
HHS (Iowa)	The acronym for the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, as of July 1, 2022, when the former Iowa DHS merged with the Iowa Department of Public Health (formerly IDPH)
HIPAA	Health Information Portability and Accountability Act, originally enacted August 21, 1996
H&P	History and Physical, a medical report required with each preadmission screen, which must have occurred within a year of the PASRR screen submission
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF-ID	Intermediate Care Facility for person with Intellectual Disability
ICF-PMI (NFMI)	Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Persistent Mental Illness, Iowa specific term for NFMI
ID	Intellectual Disability (Replaced term “Mental Retardation” many years ago)
IDD	Intellectual or Developmental Disability
IDT	Interdisciplinary team
IM	Income Maintenance, HHS workers who determine eligibility for public assistance and Medicaid
IME	Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, a former Division name, within Iowa HHS
IMPACT	Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation
“In PASRR Population”	A person determined by PASRR to have a Level II condition (MH, IDD, or RC) who may benefit from the services that can be identified in a full LII evaluation
Legacy	Data System/Platform used in Iowa PASRR prior to October 1, 2020
LOC	Level of Care, determinations of LOC are made by PASRR for all Level II individuals

LTCF	Long Term Care Facility (ICF, RCF, NF, SNF, NFMI)
LTSS	Long Term Services and Supports
MAR	Medication Administration Record - a document required for PASRR
MDS	Minimum Data Set
Medicaid Certified NF	Any nursing facility which is licensed to accept Medicaid funding, for one or more beds within the facility
MHDS	Mental Health and Disability Services – formerly a Division within HHS
MHDS Region	Iowa had MHDS Regional Offices statewide for management of County/Regional funded services, until July 1, 2025, when these were eliminated
MI	Mental Illness
NF	Nursing Facility
NFMI (ICF-PMI)	<p>Nursing Facility for persons with Mental Illness – Meets the federal definition of an “Institute for Mental Disease,” or (IMD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also known historically in Iowa as an ICF-PMI (intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness) ○ Highest non-hospital level of care that can be approved by PASRR in Iowa, for people with “SPMI,” requires a need for behavior analysis in addition to traditional psychiatric services ○ Is subject to the Medicaid “IMD Exclusion,” such that Medicaid cannot pay for care for anyone under age 65 in this setting
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
OAA	Older Americans Act, federal funds are available under OAA, some are administered by HHS through AAAs and other sources
OBRA	Omnibus Reconciliation Act, also known as the Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987, created PASRR in Federal Legislation
Olmstead Decision	June 22, 1999, Landmark Supreme Court Decision that interprets the ADA & requires a focus on the civil rights of individuals with disabilities and on the “least restrictive” placement and more
OLTCO	Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, available to all Iowans regarding 900+ facilities in Iowa
PAS	Preadmission Screening, begins with submission of a Level I screen
PASRR	Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
PASRR Identified Services	<p>Any services that may be listed among those needed by an individual in a PASRR document; important to understand the 3 categories of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SS – Specialized Services – Disability specific services that fall outside of what a NF typically delivers ○ RS – Rehabilitative Services – Services typically delivered by most/all NFs and NFMI, such as physical,

	<p>occupational, speech therapies, audiology, access to assistive devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CPS – Community Placement Supports – Services that will be needed in order to optimize the individual’s transition to a lower level of care in the community and maintain community tenure
PASRR Population	All individuals determined by PASRR to have a qualifying disability or “Level II” condition/status
PathTracker+ (Plus)	Functions built into the Iowa PASRR Database, in AssessmentPro platform for submission of Admission, Transfer, and Discharge notices, which create Case Activity Report (CAR)forms for IA Medicaid staff
Payee	An individual designated to manage financial resources, generally for state or federal public assistance/funds such as SSDI
PDPM	Person Driven Payment Model, beginning October 2023 Medicaid has begun consideration of this model
Person First Language	<p>Puts the individual (literally, in all phrases & sentences) ahead of the description, limitation, qualifier, or disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Person with Mental Illness ○ Person with physical disability ○ Person who uses a wheelchair for mobility
PHI	Protected Health Information, protected by HIPAA
POA	Power(s) of Attorney; for Healthcare or Financial matters (DPoA usually refers to Healthcare and PoA or General PoA often refers to financial matters)
QAPI	Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
RAP	Resident Assessment Protocols
RC	Related Condition, refers to developmental disabilities which might put someone in the PASRR population
RCF	Residential Care Facility, also often known as a group home
Recovery Oriented Language	Recognizes everyone’s potential to recover, particularly from Serious Mental Illness
RR	A Resident Review, subsequent PASRR for a person beyond the initial preadmission one -begins with submission of a Level I screen
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Agency, Federal
SC	A possible Status Change, subsequent PASRR LI screen for a person beyond the initial one –begins with submission of a new Level I screen
ServiceMatters	A function within the Iowa PASRR database for reviews of care planning and service delivery for compliance

SMI	Serious Mental Illness, at the federal level, SMI includes nearly all diagnoses found in the latest edition of the Diagnostic & Statistical Manual (DSM-V)
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOF	Summary of Findings, a document written whenever a full Level II assessment is completed – (PASRR LII Outcome Report)
SPMI	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness, another term used in Iowa and elsewhere to describe more long-standing/chronic or complex MI
**Swing Bed	A hospital bed which can is similar to a skilled nursing facility bed, for non-acute care, exempt from PASRR in most* but not all circumstances
TCM	Targeted Case Management , available to some non-MCO covered individuals in Iowa, may include Intensive Case Management –ICM, Complex Case Consultation – CCC, or Non-Intensive Case Management - NICM

**A PASRR is not required before an individual can be moved to a Swing Bed. However, if a PASRR has been completed for the person prior to being moved to a Swing Bed, then the Swing Bed unit/agency/hospital are subject to all of the requirements of PASRR.

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