

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	
Aging Appropriate Language	Reduces ageism, replacing "Elderly," with "Older Adults," and similar changes	
AoA	Administration on Aging, federal agency	
AssessmentPro (AP)	Platform where the Iowa PASRR Database is found as of October 1, 2020	
ВН	Behavioral Health, a term used to describe mental health and substance use/abuse related issues	
CAR Form	Case Activity Report - a form created when a facility enters information into PathTracker+ and is then sent, electronically, to Iowa Medicaid	
CFEU	Centralized Facilities Eligibility Unit - a unit within Medicaid	
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services, Federal Agency	
CMS	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, Federal Agency	
Conservator	A person with legal authority to serve as substitute decision maker for financial and property matters, can only be granted by court order	
CPS	Community Placement Supports – Services/supports that will be needed in order to optimize the individual's transition to a lower level of care in the community	
CPW	Child Protective Worker	
DA	Dependent Adult	
DAA	Dependent Adult Abuse	
DD	Developmental Disability, similar to Related Condition in PASRR	
DHS	DHS – The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or HHS, was formerly known as Iowa Department of Human Services	
DIAL	Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (formerly known as DIA)	
DSM-V	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition	
DPoA	Durable Power of Attorney, an individual signs a document to designate a substitute decision maker(s) for healthcare, usually to be activated in the event of future incapacity, but when described as a DPoA, it may take effect immediately, depending on language in the document	
EMR	Electronic Medical Record	
Guardian	A person with legal authority to serve as substitute decision maker for healthcare, can only be granted by court order	
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services, Federal	



Human Services	ACRONYMS COMMONLY USED IN PASRR
HHS (Iowa)	The acronym for the lowa Department of Health and Human Services, as of July 1, 2022, when lowa DHS merged with the lowa 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 in each PASRR and must have occurred within a year of the Level I screen submission
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF-ID	Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Intellectual Disability
ICF-PMI (NFMI)	Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Persistent Mental Illness, Iowa specific term for NFMI
ID	Intellectual Disability (Replaced the term mental retardation, which should no longer to be used)
IDD	Intellectual or Developmental Disability
IM	Income Maintenance - HHS workers who determine eligibility for public assistance and Medicaid
IMPACT	Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation
In PASRR Population	A person with a PASRR t (Level II) condition
Legacy	Platform used to store the Iowa PASRR Database 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 or contracted 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 has had MHDS Regional Offices statewide for management of locally funded disability services, this structure is changing in July 2026
MI	Mental Illness
NF	Nursing Facility
NFMI (ICF-PMI)	Nursing Facility for Persons with Mental Illness, the highest non-hospital level of care that PASRR can approve, requires a need for behavior analysis in addition to traditional psychiatric services
NIMH	National Institutes of Mental Health
OBRA	Omnibus Reconciliation Act or Nursing Reform Act - created PASRR in 1987, Federal Legislation
Olmstead Decision	June 22, 1999, Landmark Supreme Court Decision, the most important decision that interprets the ADA
PAS	Preadmission Screening - begins with submission of a Level I screen
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PASRR	Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
PASRR Identified Services	Any and all services that may be listed among those needed by an individual in a PASRR document, 3 categories
PASRR Population	All individuals determined by PASRR to have a qualifying disability or Level II status
PathTracker Plus	Functions built into the Iowa PASRR Database for submission of admission/discharge/transfer data, which creates "CAR forms"
Payee	An individual designated to manage financial resources for another person, for public assistance or federal funds such as SSDI
PDPM	Person Driven Payment Model, beginning October 2023 Medicaid has begun consideration of this model
Person First Language	Puts the individual (literally, in all sentences) ahead of the description or disability (e.g. Person with Mental Illness; Person with physical disability)
PHI	Protected Health Information
POA	Power(s) of Attorney - for Healthcare or Financial matters
RAP	Resident Assessment Protocols
RC	Related Condition - disabilities which must be considered by PASRR
Recovery Oriented Language	Recognizes everyone's potential to recover, particularly from Mental Illness
RR	Resident Review - begins with submission of a Level I screen
RS	Rehabilitative Services - Services typically delivered by most/all NFs such as physical, occupational, speech therapies
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Agency, Federal
SC	Status Change - begins with submission of a Level I screen
ServiceMatters	PASRR Function for reviews of care planning and service delivery
SMI	Serious Mental Illness - at the federal level, SMI includes nearly all diagnoses found in the latest edition of the DSM-V
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOF	Summary of Findings - a written document done whenever a full Level II assessment is completed
SPMI	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness - another term used in Iowa and elsewhere to describe more long-term or complex SMI
SS	Specialized Services - Disability specific services that PASRR may identify
Swing Bed	A hospital bed which can be considered like a skilled nursing facility bed, exempt from PASRR in most* circumstances

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