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Announcement

Illinois PASRR Program: Redesign Implementation with State Partner, Maximus, Coming March 14

The **State of Illinois** - Department of Healthcare and Family Services (**HFS**) has selected a new partner, **Maximus**, for the fulfillment of the federally mandated Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (**PASRR**) process. Recently announced by the state, this transition from the current PASRR processes to a new web-based management system, AssessmentPro, is scheduled to launch on **Monday, March 14, 2022**, for admissions to Nursing Facilities. This critical change will impact all program submissions for individuals applying to, or residing in, Medicaid-certified nursing facilities. moving forward from the transition date, including:

- The way that Level I Screens will be submitted
- The review of all Level I Screens
- The completion of Level II for Serious Mental Illness (**SMI**) Assessment
- The addition of a new service, Follow Up Visits

How does this change affect current PASRR DHS/DMH Providers?

This important transition by HFS will shift responsibilities and management for the screening and assessment processes to the PASRR Program Team at Maximus. **Roberta Allen**, with the Illinois Department Human Services Division of Mental Health (**DMH**), staff from HFS, and members of the Maximus team will be offering a virtual presentation to numerous screeners **January 13, 2022 at 1:00pm**. **This meeting will cover the timeline for implementation, including the March 14, 2022 "Go Live" date for AssessmentPro for Nursing Facility admissions and subsequent "Go Live" dates in April 2022 for new processes for admissions to Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRF) and Supported Living Programs (SLP) settings.**

What are the reasons behind this change?

HFS made the decision to seek out a new PASRR partner for several key reasons, including:

- Creation of a more consistent Level I process
- Centralization of PASRR screening and assessments, SLP assessments, SMHRF pre-admission assessments and diversions, and Follow-Up Visit reporting into one system, increasing efficiency, timeliness, and ease of use
- Increased compliance with federally mandated PASRR guidelines



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How does this change affect the roles of current PASRR Level 2 Mental Health screeners?

The PASRR redesign will shift responsibilities for PASRR Level 2 mental health assessment processes for Nursing Facility admissions from the State's current screeners to Maximus on March 14, 2022.

Please note that responsibility for Level 2 mental health assessments for SMHRF and SLP admissions will not transfer to Maximus until April 18, 2022. The State will continue to rely on existing screening agencies' fulfillment of this work until that date. State staff leading this implementation know that the expertise and experience of our community partners are invaluable – and we believe your continued involvement into this next phase of the program will help to make a big impact on the people we serve.