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## **Effective Immediately, All Face-to-Face Initial and Re-Assessments Will Now Be Conducted Telephonically**

In response to recommendations from Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Office of Governor Mills, effective immediately, all face-to-face initial and re-assessments will now be conducted telephonically. The MAXIMUS Maine Assessing Services Agency (ASA) will continue working closely with the Office of Aging and Disability Services for guidance on when face-to-face assessments may resume.

Check back often to the OADS site: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/Coronavirus-COVID-19.shtml>, as well as Maine CDC's COVID-19 updates page for possible updates and new recommendations: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>

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## **Quarterly Provider Newsletter: Best Practices | State Resource Reminder | Listen to PASRR 101 Webinar**

For this **Fall 2020 edition of the Maine ASA Newsletter**, we've gathered some helpful best practice reminders covering system processes and available support resources for Maine's provider community. Please review below for an important clarification regarding the **1135 Waiver and PASRR submissions**, as well as a reminder regarding the **OADS Resources page**. A link to a recent **PASRR 101 Webinar through PTAC** and contact information for the **program's Help Desk team** are also included.

### **BEST PRACTICE: Complete PASRR Within 30-Days of Admission**

The 1135 Waiver only waives PASRR requirements for **30-days following admission, not indefinitely**. Nursing Facilities must complete the PASRR within 30-days of admission.

### **RESOURCE REMINDER: Office of Aging and Disability Services Site**

Keep up with all of the latest COVID-19 updates, resource materials, and general program information by reviewing the OADS Resources site regularly:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/covid-19-resources>

### **LEARNING: Review PASRR 101 Webinar Recording**

The **PASRR Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)** recently held an informative webinar on **Wednesday, October 28th**, entitled PASRR 101. During this session, PTAC touched upon several important topics, including the purpose and design of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR), Level I screens, Level II evaluations and determinations, exempted hospital discharges, categorical determinations, and disability-specific Specialized Services.

This training is designed to give new PASRR program staff a solid foundation in how the program works. It is also appropriate for staffers who wish to refresh their understanding of PASRR.

[Click here to listen to the 10/28 PTAC - PASRR 1010 Webinar](#)

**CONTACT: Your Maine ASA Resources**

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**Web Resources:** [ME ASA Tools and Resources](#)