

## Maine PASRR

### Quarterly Provider Newsletter:

Register for Upcoming PASRR Training Sessions on February 17 and 19 | Maximus Supporting Various Programs Supporting Mainers

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#### EVENT REMINDER: Register for Informative Training Sessions Taking Place on Tuesday, February 17 and Thursday, 19

Don't forget to join Maximus for an important refresher training on PASRR, AssessmentPro, PathTracker, and ServiceMatters. There will also be plenty of time available for Q&A with our program team.

**There are different sessions for Nursing Facility and Hospital staff. Click the links below to register** for the date and time that best fits your schedule and pertains to your role. **We look forward to seeing you!**

- [ME PASRR Hospital Provider Training | 9 a.m. ET on Tuesday, February 17](#)
- [ME PASRR Hospital Provider Training | 1 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 19](#)

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- [ME PASRR Nursing Facility Provider Training | 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 17](#)
  - [ME PASRR Nursing Facility Provider Training | 9 a.m. ET on Thursday, February 19](#)

*If you need an accommodation, reach out to the help desk ahead of this learning event.*

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### INSIGHTS: Partnership with OADS Providing Services That Support Mainers

Maximus is privileged to partner with the State of Maine's Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Aging and Disability (**OADS**) to administer conflict free assessment services. These diverse programs help to ensure Mainers are connected with the health services and supports they need. This comprehensive portfolio of program assessments and evaluations includes:

#### **Assessing Services Agency (ASA)**

In 2018, OADS selected Maximus to administered Statewide Assessing Services as the single Assessing Services Agency (ASA). In this role, the company provides assessments for a series of programs, including:

#### **Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)**

**Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)** is an injury to the brain that results from trauma, infection, vascular lesions, or anoxia. It can result in physical, behavioral or mental dysfunction affecting an individual's ability to function independently. This evaluation requires a neuropsychologist evaluation and completion of the Mayo Portland Adaptability Inventory and Health and Safety tool to determine medical eligibility for specialized ABI services either in the facility setting or at home.

### **Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF-IDD)**

**Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)** are specialized facilities for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (**IDD**), or other related conditions, who require care and services above the level of room and board but not that of a hospital or skilled nursing facility. Medical eligibility requires a physician certification that the person have a need for at least 8 hours of licensed nurse supervision per day. The focus of these facilities is to assist individuals to reach their maximal level of functioning capabilities, with healthcare and rehab services while providing 24 hour care.

### **Long Term Care (LTC) Advisory**

The **Long-Term Care (LTC) Advisory** is an assessment that provides advice to the individual and family/guardian to determine if the person is eligible for possible facility admission, or in-home services funded through MaineCare or state funded home-based care programs. Individuals choosing to enter a nursing facility must have this type of assessment to comply with the State statutes unless entering under skilled care. ABI, ORC, ICF/IDD, GPU.

### **Other Related Conditions**

**Other Related Conditions (ORC)** constitute Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, or other condition besides mental illness which found to be closely related to Intellectual Disability, resulting in impairment or general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior, similar to that of persons with Intellectual Disabilities and requires similar treatment or services.

The State of Maine requires a Medical Eligibility Determination assessment and completion of the BMS 99 to determine an individual's medical eligibility for services under the Other Related Conditions Waiver. The program provides community integration through existing natural supports and community relationships, such as Care Coordination, Home Support, Community Support, and Work Support.

[Click here to learn more about the ASA.](#)

## **Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Assessments**

**Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)** is a federally required program enacted to ensure that individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Intellectual Disability (ID), or an Other Related Condition (ORC) are not inappropriately institutionalized in nursing facilities.

- Everyone seeking entry to a Medicaid certified nursing facility, regardless of their payor source, expected length of stay, or current location, must be screened for a potential SMI, ID, and/or ORC before admission. This is referred to as a **Level I PASRR screen**.
- People who meet criteria for a PASRR exemption or post-admission assessment activity will also be identified, as well as those who require a comprehensive **Level II assessment** before nursing facility admission. *Note: some Maine service providers refer to this as the "Maximus assessment".*

[Click here to learn more about the Maine PASRR Program.](#)

- **Contact the Maximus – Maine PASRR support team for PASRR referrals.**
- Call – **833.525.5784 - Choose Option #3**
- Email – [MEASAPASRR@maximus.com](mailto:MEASAPASRR@maximus.com)

## **Supports Intensity Scale (SIS ®)**

OADS expanded its partnership with Maximus in March 2023 when the company was selected to administer **Supports Intensity Scale for Adults (SIS-A)** assessments for Mainers. This comprehensive planning tool, developed and maintained by the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (**AAIDD**), measures exceptional medical and behavioral

needs, as well as the areas of home living, community living, lifelong learning, employment, health and safety, and social activities.

Community Case Managers use the SIS-A to support the Person-Centered Planning process. It will also support the new Lifespan Waiver. This waiver offers new services and innovations to participants. Taking the SIS-A will not affect your current service options.

[Click here to learn more about the SIS-A.](#)

- **Contact the Maximus – SIS-A support team to schedule an assessment.**
- Call – **833.771.4639**
- Email – [Maine-SIS@maximus.com](mailto:Maine-SIS@maximus.com)

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QUESTIONS? Contact the Maine PASRR Help Desk



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[Maine PASRR Tools & Resources](#)

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We will continue to reach out via email to provide you with helpful reminders, detailed information on policy, and procedural updates. We invite you to [visit our website](#) to learn more about us.

We are privileged to work with you to ensure individuals across Maine receive the services and supports they need.

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