

PASRR Connection

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THE ROLE OF SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTATION IN PASRR

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Supportive documentation that is relevant, accurate, and updated is the “life blood” of the PASRR clinical review. This information allows the clinical reviewers to better understand the comprehensive needs of the individual who is applying for nursing facility (NF) services. The reviewer uses this information to determine the most comprehensive setting to meet the applicant’s total needs. The reviewer’s determination will also include recommendations to assist in the care planning of the individual, regardless of where that person resides.

The following are examples of supportive documentation (this list is not all-inclusive):

- Medication Administration Record (MAR)
- Health and Physical (H&P)
- Current rehabilitation orders
- Current medical and hospice orders
- Current Activities of Daily Living (ADL) documentation
- Minimum Data Set (MDS)
- Recent nursing notes (past 30 days)

Behavioral Health Supportive Documentation:

- Behavioral health and/or addiction intakes/assessments
- MAR, including any psychiatric medication(s)
- Behavioral health/addictions treatment summaries
- Past behavioral health/addictions treatment history
- Current psychiatric/psychological assessments
- Cognitive testing results, when relevant (e.g., MMSE, SLUMS, MOCA etc.)

ANNOUNCEMENT: END OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IMPACT TO THE PASRR PROGRAM

The 30-day delay of PASRR Level I screenings and Level II evaluations in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) will **terminate on May 11, 2023**.

As such, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services expects states to resume full PASRR activities in accordance with state PASRR rules ([OAC 5160-3-15](#), [OAC 5160-3-15.1](#), and [OAC 5160-3-15.2](#)) as of May 12, 2023. Therefore, providers must also return to the pre-PHE timeframes for completing PASRR requirements and related level of care requests.

To view a copy of the press release, click [here](#).

For additional questions, please submit them to PASRR@medicaid.ohio.gov.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who needs a Pre-admission Screening?

State and federal law require anyone who is seeking admission to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility, regardless of payer source, to have a Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) completed prior to admission.

What if an individual does not present with a serious mental illness?

A Level I screen is still required, however, individuals who have no indications of serious mental illness are not subject for further review by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The receiving nursing facilities are responsible for ensuring all individuals seeking admission have met PASRR requirements.

Is anyone eligible for an exemption from the PASRR process even when short-term stays are needed?

An individual who has been hospitalized for acute inpatient care and requires nursing facility services for the condition for which care was received on a medical/surgical unit at a hospital is eligible for a hospital exemption. The attending physician certifies before admission to the facility that the resident is expected to require fewer than 30 days of nursing facility services. Following admission under the hospital exemption, should a nursing facility stay be expected to exceed 30 days, the nursing facility must complete a Resident Review for an expired hospital exemption.

Can a nursing facility admit an individual as long as the Level I screen (ODM-3622) has been submitted and determination is pending?

No. Individuals should not be admitted to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility, and the facility cannot bill Medicaid for services rendered until the PASRR process has been fully completed. This includes completion of the Level I screen and, if applicable, the Level II assessment and determination. The NF has the responsibility to refuse to admit an individual until the PASRR process is completed, or the individual is ruled out from further evaluation, or is approved for NF services, if the individual was referred for further evaluation.

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