Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH)

What is PASRR?

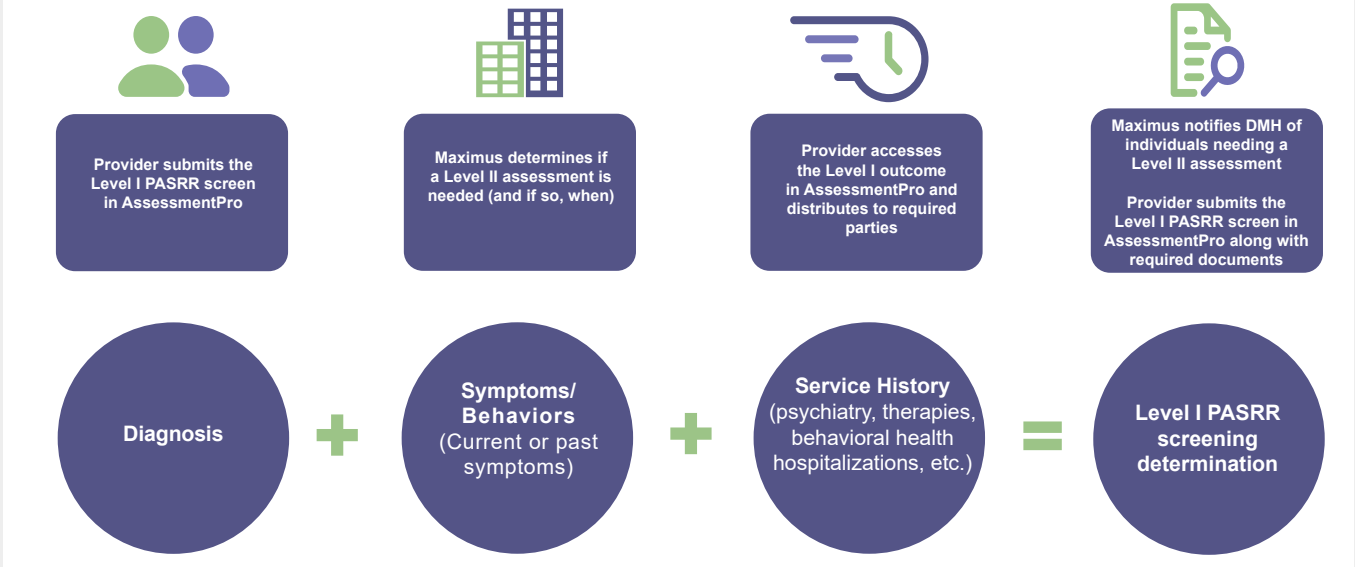
Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is a federally required process which applies to everyone who may need to go into a Medicaid certified nursing facility, even if Medicaid will not be used. The PASRR screen, called Level I, identifies people with signs of serious mental illness (SMI), an intellectual disability (ID), or related condition (RC). People with signs of those conditions will be referred for a specialized mental health and/or ID/RC assessment called a Level II PASRR evaluation. This evaluation will be conducted by a qualified professional and includes interviews with the person, legal guardian if applicable, caregivers and a review of available or required healthcare records.

The purpose of a PASRR Level II assessment is to provide in-depth review of the person's needs to determine if a PASRR condition is present. If so, the appropriateness of the nursing facility setting is also evaluated along with the person's need for specialized (disability-specific) services. Maximus will generate outcome notices based on the Level I screening and clinical review outcomes, including when an individual may require a Level II assessment.

PASRR is required under Title 42 CFR, Section 483 Subpart C of federal regulations and helps states comply with the Supreme Court decision, Olmstead vs L.C. (1999), under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Providers assisting a person with admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility need to complete the Level I screen. Level I assessments which indicate a Status Change has occurred will be clinically reviewed by Maximus within 6 hours or less. When a Level II assessment is needed, Maximus will make a referral to DMH. If a Level II is needed, the State has 7 to 9 working days of referral* by Maximus to complete the assessment and provide an outcome. *Per Federal Code of Regulation [483.112 (c)(1)]. The submitter should communicate the results of the Level I screen to the person and their legal guardian, and if a Level II assessment is needed, notify them to expect contact from a PASRR assessor.

Level I screening information needed to establish a potential PASRR condition



Support: Contact Maximus with Referral Questions

Screening referrals must be submitted electronically at www.assessmentpro.com. Please direct all questions to the VT PASRR Program, via Maximus at VTPASRR@maximus.com or at Toll-Free number:
1.833.882.6047 | Local number: 1.802.705.9997 (available November 16, 2026)
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