What is PASRR?

The purpose of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is to identify the best services (and setting where services should be received) for applicants to and residents of Medicaid certified nursing homes who also have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI). PASRR is required under Title 42 CFR, Section 483 of federal regulations and is an outgrowth of the Americans with Disabilities Act. A PASRR is required before a person with a SMI or IDD can be admitted to a nursing home. If the person has a legal guardian, they must also be interviewed.

If you are assisting the person who has a PASRR condition to admit to a nursing home, please thoroughly complete the Level I with the content below and alert the guardian that it is very important that they respond to the phone call of the Maximus clinician who is completing the determination.

Reasons why PASRR information may be requested:

1) To determine whether the applicant or resident has a serious mental illness or intellectual disability/related condition
2) Once it is determined that a person has a disability, then information must be provided to inform the best setting and services needed

Information needed by Maximus to establish whether a person has a PASRR condition

- Diagnosis
  - Approximate age of onset

- Symptoms/Behaviors
  - Specific past symptoms (Now & at time of diagnosis)
  - Specific symptoms within the past 6 mos

- Service History
  - Has the person ever:
    - Seen a psychiatrist
    - Had talk therapy
    - Received Developmental Disability services
    - Been hospitalized for MH reasons

- Decision whether PASRR is needed

Level II Information needed by Maximus if a PASRR condition is confirmed

- Guardian Information
- Reason for NF care (Medical & Functional)
- Social History (MH: Mental Status Exam)
- Disability Specifics

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