



PASRR Connection

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CELEBRATING OLMSTEAD

In June, it will be 22 years since the U.S. Supreme Court *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision. This landmark decision established rights for individuals with disabilities to live their lives in the community and in the most integrated setting possible.

Supporting community living. OhioMHAS PASRR provides service recommendations for individuals with serious mental illness, which helps nursing facilities develop individualized plans of care to support successful transition back into the community. The PASRR Level II findings are person-centered. These findings and recommendations help ensure that the nursing facility is aware of the need for services unique to individuals diagnosed with mental illness, and the information can help the nursing facility identify appropriate personnel for providing those services.

Linking PASRR to other programs and initiatives. Each PASRR determination includes a resource guide to assist with transition to the community or diversion from a nursing facility. To assist with bridging the gap between individual and community, a copy of the resource guide can be found for review at: <https://bit.ly/3cRqznC>.

MORE ON OLMSTEAD

Case Argued: April 21, 1999

Case Decided: June 22, 1999

>> **About Olmstead**

https://www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead_about.htm

>> ***Olmstead v. L.C.* case record**

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/527/581/case.pdf>



BEST PRACTICE REMINDERS WHEN SUBMITTING ODM-3622



If you discover a mistake or typo was made while completing the ODM-3622 in HENS, you do NOT need to resubmit a new referral. Resubmitting a new referral creates duplicate referrals which may delay your outcome. Instead, please contact the Ascend help desk so that a project support professional may assist you with correcting the error in the original

referral.

Phone: 833.917.2777

Email: Ascend-OHPASRR@maximus.com



When submitting referrals on a Friday, holiday, or the day before a holiday, please include contact information for staff members who can assist the PASRR assessor over the weekend or on the holiday. Many times the submitter of the referral works Monday through Friday and weekend staff are not familiar with PASRR, which can result in a delay in receiving the PASRR outcome.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

HEARING & APPEAL: REBECCA GRIMM, MSW, LSW

Rebecca Grimm serves as the Hearings and Appeals Coordinator within the PASRR Bureau. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Ashland University in 2012 and her Masters of Social Work (Community and Social Justice Concentration) from The Ohio State University in 2013.



A native of the West Park neighborhood in Cleveland, Rebecca lives in Columbus with her husband, infant son, and two rescue dogs. She enjoys playing board games, eating soft cheeses, and cooking both savory and sweet, which includes using homegrown fruits and veggies from her garden.

Rebecca, what inspired you to pursue a career in behavioral health/social work ?

My mom, an inpatient psychiatric nurse, inspired me to work with individuals living with mental illness. I chose to become a Licensed Social Worker specifically because of the ability to work at both the micro and macro levels to affect change.

How would you describe your role in PASRR ?

I analyze, manage, and defend PASRR determinations at state hearings and monitor compliance with state hearing decisions. I have found a true merging of what drew me to social work in the first place - a focus on individual cases and their PASRR determinations through the state hearing process, as well as using those experiences to impact the statewide implementation of PASRR through quality improvement.

What experiences have contributed to your current role ?

I completed internships on both a clinical level and with local and state government before working at a mental health and recovery board. I joined OhioMHAS in 2015 as a Community Transitions Specialist and have traveled across Ohio to provide outreach to nursing facility residents and discharge planners.

What is most surprising to you about PASRR ?

I am amazed that I am always learning something new about PASRR, its implementation, and the impact it has around Ohio.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

When applying for an emergency or respite stay, does a Level I need to be completed for an individual to enter a nursing facility?

Yes, a request for either a respite stay or an emergency admission in a nursing facility (NF) requires a Level I PAS to be completed via the Healthcare Electronic Notification System (HENS). The nursing facility must obtain a PASRR determination from OhioMHAS prior to admission if the individual is part of the population of individuals with an indication of serious mental illness.

How long is my Emergency Categorical Approval valid?

An emergency categorical approves the individual for NF services to be admitted for up to seven days and is valid for use within 24 hours from the date of the determination, or immediately following discharge from a medical or surgical unit of a hospital.

How long is my Respite Categorical Approval valid?

A respite categorical approves the individual for NF services to be admitted for up to 14 days and must be used within 60 days from the date of the determination. A respite categorical determination is not appropriate if the individual does not plan to return to the caregiver at the conclusion of their NF stay.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Do you have questions about a PASRR-related topic you would like to see covered in a future edition of PASRR Connection, or in a webinar?

Have you hired a new staff person who would benefit from receiving the system overview training?

Are you interested in learning more about how PASRR functions with the mental health population?

Please send all training inquiries or questions to:
MHAS-PASRR-Operations@mha.ohio.gov

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