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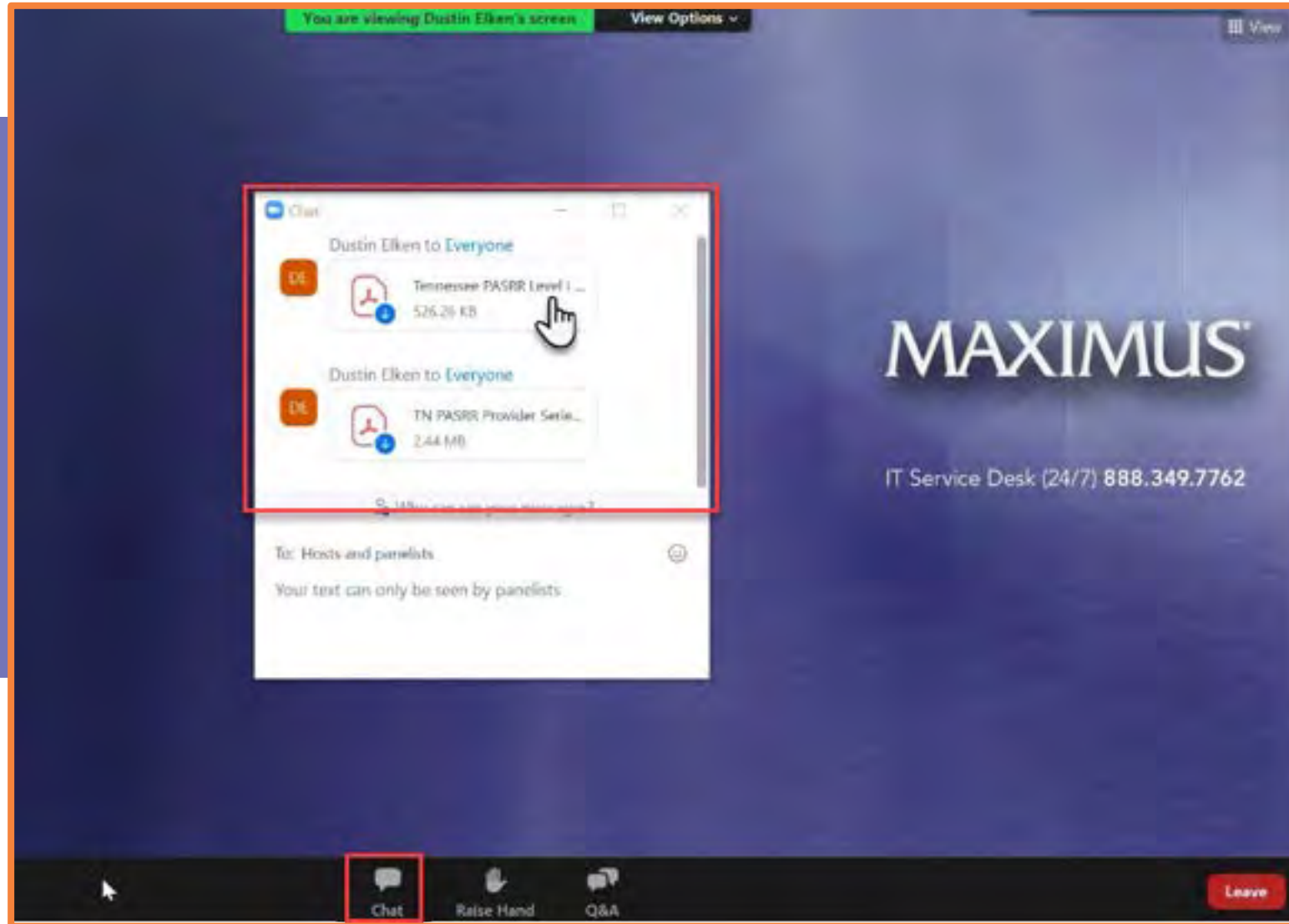
TN PASRR TRAINING SERIES

Hospital Exemption, Categorical
Determinations & Status Change

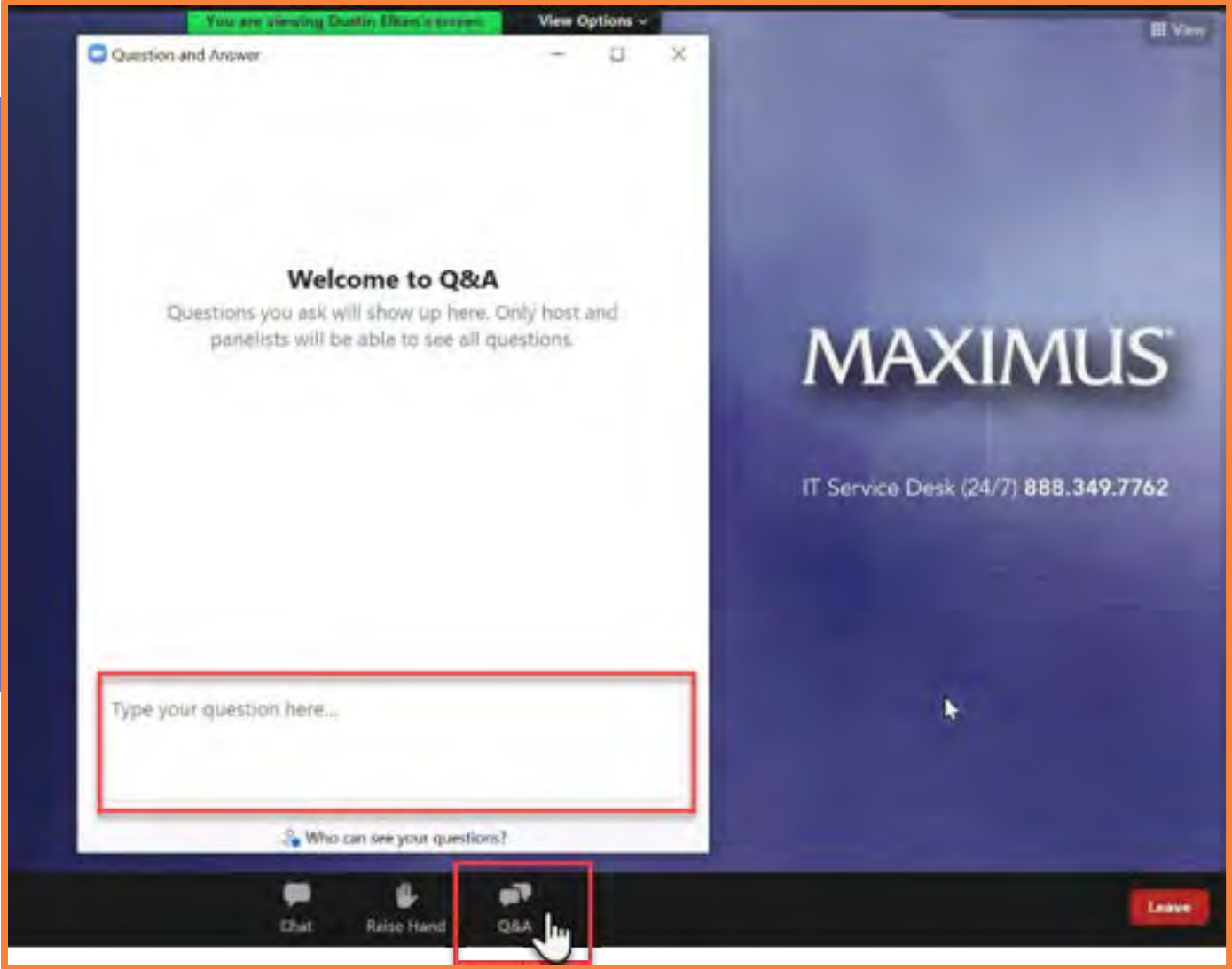
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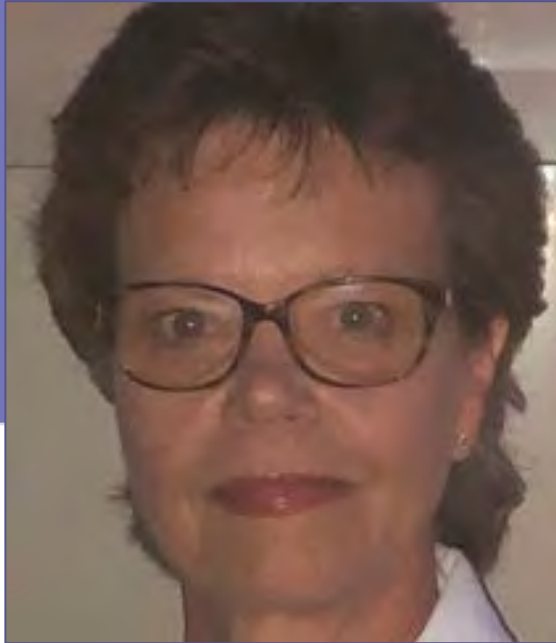
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Sending Questions



Introductions



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LEVEL I DETERMINATIONS





Level I Determinations

Negative screen = no PASRR condition

- This is an Approved PASRR
- They Can Admit to the NF
- 73% of the time the Negative Screens are Web Approved
- Level I Clinicians also issue negative screens and these may include service identification

**Refer for Level II =
known/suspected
PASRR condition
Requires onsite Level II**

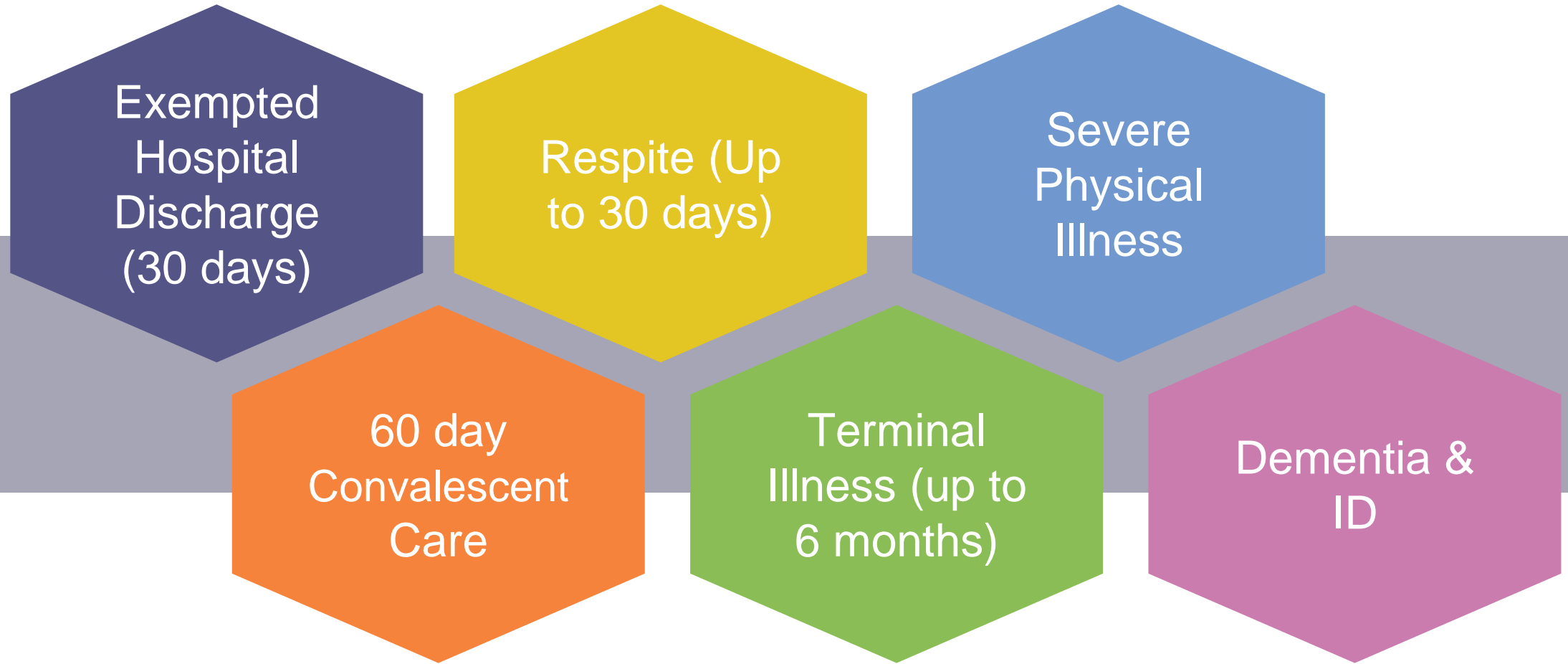


Categoricals and Exemptions

- Has/suspected PASRR condition
- Psych Stable
- Meets specific criteria



Categoricals and Hospital Exemption





Exempted Hospital Discharge (30 day approval)

- Must be currently admitted to medical hospital
- Must be going to NF for treatment of the condition for which they were hospitalized
- Expected to need NF for no longer than 30 days
 - If likelihood of over 30 day admission, not eligible for EHD
- Must have PASRR condition
- Requires documentation:
 - Physician Attestation
 - Current H&P and other medical documentation to support exemption
 - Psych consult, if completed



Hospital Exemption Practice

Scenario 1

Mr. Clemons has a diagnosis of Schizophrenia and is medically admitted for hip surgery. His doctor certifies that he will require less than 30 days of therapy at a skilled nursing facility. Is Mr. Clemons appropriate for the Exempted Hospital Discharge?

- Yes. He had a hospital admission before NF admission and will need less than 30 days of NF.



60 Day Convalescent Care

- 60 day approval
- Must have PASRR condition; psychiatrically/behaviorally stable
- Must be currently admitted to medical hospital
- Must be going to NF for treatment of the condition for which there were hospitalized
- Expected to need NF for no longer than 60 days (If likelihood of over 60 day admission, not eligible for Convalescent)
- Requires documentation
 - Physician Attestation
 - Current H&P & other medical documentation to support exemption
 - Psych consult, if completed



60 Day Convalescence Practice

Scenario 1

Ms. Miller presents to the emergency room for cellulitis in her right foot and leg. She is prescribed oral antibiotics and therapy is ordered for strengthening. Is Ms. Miller appropriate for the 60-day Convalescence approval?

- No, because she is not medically admitted to the hospital. She is only admitted to the emergency room.



Respite

- Must have a PASRR condition
- Time limited approval to provide respite to in home caregivers
 - Approval is good for up to 30 Calendar days.
- Individual will return home following brief stay



Respite Practice

Scenario 1

Mr. Gray currently lives at home with his wife. He has a diagnosis of depression. His wife needs to have back surgery and will be unable to care for him for a few weeks. Is Mr. Gray appropriate for a Respite stay?

- No, this would be a LI Negative since there are no PASRR conditions.



Terminal Illness

- Must have a PASRR condition
- Terminally ill with life expectancy of less than 6 months
- Time limited stay – 6 months (this is a change)
- Requires nursing care or supervision due to his/her physical condition
- Requires documentation
 - Physician Attestation
 - Current H&P and other medical documentation to support exemption



Terminal Illness Practice

Scenario 1

Ms. Warren is psychiatrically admitted for aggressive behaviors. She has a diagnosis of Schizophrenia and Intellectual Disability. She also has a terminal diagnosis of breast cancer. Is Ms. Warren appropriate for a Terminal Illness Exemption (180 days)?

- No, she will require a Level II Evaluation due to the diagnosis of Intellectual Disability and current psychiatric hospitalization.



Severe Physical Illness

Physical illness so severe cannot participate in specialized services consider:

- Coma
- Ventilator dependence
- Functioning at brain stem level
- Diagnoses of:
 - COPD
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Huntington's disease
 - ALS
 - Congestive heart failure
- Must have a PASRR Condition and requires documentation – physician attestation and current H&P & other medical documentation to support exemption



Severe Physical Illness Practice

Scenario 1

Ms. Jackson is medically admitted after a car crash. She has a diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder. She is on a vent and is unable to communicate meaningfully. Is she appropriate for a Severe Physical Illness Exemption?

- Yes, she has a PASRR condition, is on a vent, and will be unable to participate in a LII Evaluation.



Dementia and Intellectual Disability (ID)

- Progressed Dementia and ID
 - Advanced and unable to participate in specialized services
- Report method of diagnosis
- Must include documentation supporting diagnosis and stage of disease



Dementia and ID Practice

Scenario 1

Mr. Palmer is currently psychiatrically admitted for aggressive behaviors. He has a diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder and Dementia. He is oriented to self only and word salad is present. He is unable to complete cognitive testing due to cognitive impairment. Is he appropriate for Dementia and ID Exemption?

- Yes, Dementia appears to be primary.



30 Day Categorical during COVID-19 Pandemic

- Must be currently admitted to medical hospital
- Must have PASRR condition
- Must be going to NF for treatment of the condition for which they were hospitalized
- Expected to need NF for no longer than 30 days
 - If likelihood of over 30 day admission, not eligible for EHD
- Requires documentation:
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**Remember,
Everyone
receives a
Level I**



RESIDENT REVIEW & SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN STATUS



Level II Updates

The Level II Assessment is getting a face lift in 2022

- Capturing more community options
- Promoting Community Informed Choice
- Updating Specialized Services
- Continuing to engage individuals in person-centered planning
- TennCare offers an array of community-based services through the Choices Program
- CMS and TennCare continue to be committed to offering alternatives to inpatient care
- Individual Choice remains key in a successful placement and the PASRR process



Specialized Services

Examples:

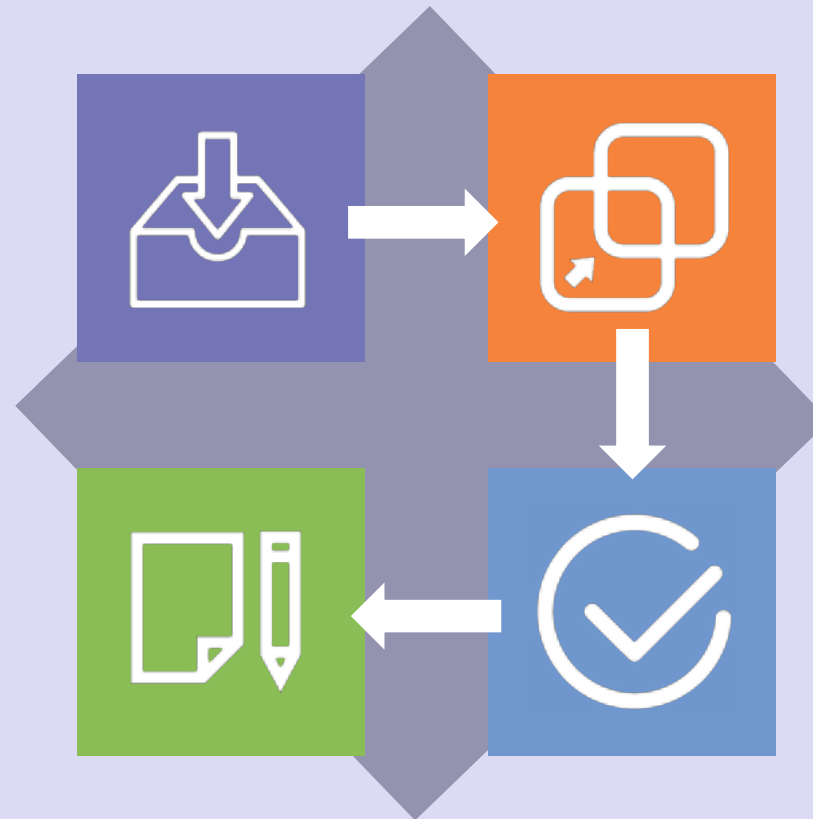
- Partial Hospitalization
- Peer Recovery
- Psychiatric Evaluation and medication
- Mental Health Counseling
- Socialization
- Training in Community Living Skills
- Dental or Vision evaluation
- Higher Education and Training
- Assistance with Conservatorship and Counseling
- Pre-Vocational Services
- Development of Person-Centered Plan and Support Initiatives
- Employment Training and Technical Assistance for individual diagnosed with ID/DD who desire to transition to Community
- Behavioral Health Crisis Services
- Transition to Community Living
- In Home personal care visits
- Adult Day Care
- Assistive Technology

These are just some examples; all specialized services should be individualized based on individual preference and need.



Status Change Process

1. **Submit a new Level I to initiate the process**



2. **Level II completed**

- Level II not always required; only if PASRR condition exists or suspected

3. **New summary of findings generated**

4. **Revise care plan based on findings and arrange/discontinue identified services, as appropriate**



Status Change – with No Existing PASRR Condition

1

Exhibits behavioral, psychiatric, or mood related symptoms suggesting the presence of MI where dementia is not the primary diagnosis

2

ID/RC not previously identified and evaluated through PASRR

3

For NF residents who are psychiatrically hospitalized and plan to return to NF



Status Change – If PASRR Condition is Present

1

Increased behavioral, psychiatric, or mood-related symptoms

2

Behavioral, psychiatric, or mood related symptoms that have not responded to ongoing treatment

3

Improved medical condition such that the plan of care or placement recommendations may require modifications

4

Physical change with behavioral, psychiatric, or mood-related symptoms, or cognitive abilities, that may influence adjustment to an altered pattern of daily living

5

Indicates a preference to leave the facility

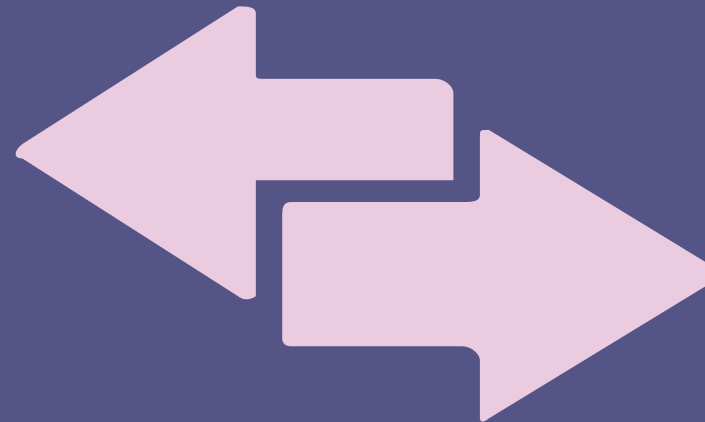
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Condition or treatment is or will be significantly different than described in the resident's most recent PASRR Level II evaluation and determination



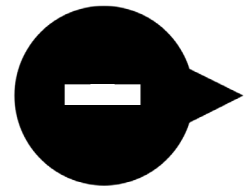
Relationship Between PASRR & LOC

- The LOC helps establish medical necessity which is one of the four PASRR questions of what is the most appropriate placement for this person?





PASRR Flow Charts



Negative PASRR



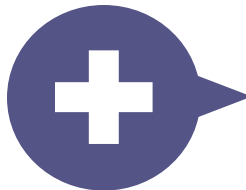
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Positive PASRR



Level of Care submitted to Ascend



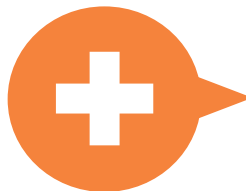
Positive PASRR



Level of Care submitted as non-Medicaid



PAE in TPAES if they become Medicaid pending or Medicaid receiving



Positive PASRR



Level of Care submitted as Medicaid



Done. No further action required unless LOC is denied



Hybrid In-Person Assessment Model

The **State of Tennessee** continues to offer a hybrid model of virtual/in-person Level II assessments for the **PASRR** program. We remain under the 1135 Waiver, which allows acute medical discharges without a PASRR. This allows the Nursing Facility to complete the PASRR within 30 days of admission.

- This plan includes an option for virtual assessments using HIPAA compliant Zoom video conferencing as well as in-person assessments. Level II Assessors will be calling Facilities prior to scheduling assessments to determine the best option to complete the Level II Assessment. Please call the TN Help Desk with any questions.
- At the completion of the Federal PHE, all PASRR processes will return to previous requirements within 60 days.



Resources and Help

Maximus.com

- State User Tools
- <https://maximusclinicalservices.com/svcs/tennessee>
- How to complete PASRR Level I screen instructional video

Tennessee PASRR Helpdesk

- Ascend-TNPASRR@maximus.com | 833.617.2777

TennCare

- LTSS website: <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports.html>
- LTSS Training site: <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/partners-program-updates/ltss-training.html>

TennCare Help Desk

- 1-877-224-0219



Available Maximus Resources

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- Announcements:** A list of three announcements, each with a date, a title, and a dropdown arrow.
 - Aug 27, 2021:** Save the Dates: Fall 2021 Tennessee PASRR Provider Training Series Coming Soon!
 - Jul 26, 2021:** TN Assessment Services: Return to Field Updates | Review Reminders + Next Steps
 - Jun 10, 2021:** TN PASRR Quarterly Newsletter: Register for Upcoming 7/20-21 Webinars | In-Person Assessments Update | HIPAA Compliance Reminder
- Resources:** A list of three links:
 - Tennessee PASRR Glossary of Terms
 - 2021 Announcements - Archive
 - 2020 Announcements - Archive
- Guides & Forms:** A list of three links:
 - Tennessee PASRR PAE Certification Form
 - Tennessee PASRR Practitioner Certification Form
 - Tennessee PASRR Document-Based Review Form



2022 Training Dates

Tuesday, August 16th
Wednesday, August 17th

Tuesday, October 25th
Wednesday, October 26th

Be on the look out for registration coming this summer

Training Evaluation Form:

Please take the time to complete the Training Evaluation Form that will appear after closing this webinar session.

Use this link to access a certificate of participation:

<https://maximus.surveymonkey.com/r/TNPASRRProviderCert2022>



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS