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TO: Hospital Administrators, Nursing Facility and Swing Bed Administrators

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SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Level II Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Process Updates

As you may be aware, the Division of Behavioral Health is the responsible entity that conducts the Level II review during the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process for those individuals with a mental illness. The purpose of this Federal required review is to identify if a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) is present and if so, to make recommendations for mental health services as part of the individual's plan of care.

While many individuals going through the Level I screening may have some form of mental health concern or mental illness, the intent of the Level II review is to ensure those that meet the criteria set forth as serious mental illness (SMI), as defined in 42 CFR 483.102, receive the ongoing mental health treatment needed to support their condition.

To ensure we have the correct level of monitoring for the correct population (those individuals with SMI), you may see a slight change in the individuals identified and recommendations made through the Level II review, including additional communication on individuals currently followed on a Level II PASRR.

Level II PASRR determinations will be made within an average of seven (7) to nine (9) business days. As a reminder, it is necessary to submit the needed paperwork for this determination process to occur smoothly. If a client has had a mental health, psychological or psychiatric assessment, please include this in the submitted paperwork. As before, the Division of Behavioral Health will issue a written notification of the Level II determination to the individual and the applicable nursing facility.

As you are aware, nursing facilities are responsible for tracking upcoming expiration dates for approved PASRRs as well as submitting supporting documentation to the applicable Division at least 10 days prior to a PASRR expiring. A completed PASRR Renewal Form (refer to attachment) must accompany all PASRR renewal requests, which includes the following situations:

- 30 day Hospital Exemption
- 30 day Respite stay

- Less than 100 day stay post-hospitalization
- Short-term Level II PASRR renewals (30-180 day approvals)

Please be advised that after March 1, 2018, the State will no longer be sending reminders to nursing facilities prior to PASRR expirations for any of the situations listed above. Nursing facilities should be aware that expired PASRRs may result in Medicaid non-payment.

As a reminder, it is also the responsibility of nursing facilities to notify the applicable Division's PASRR contact when an individual on a less than 100 day stay or short-term PASRR discharges or passes away.

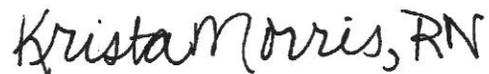
We also want to inform you that even when a nursing facility resident is not being followed for PASRR purposes, they may be subject to Level of Care reviews by the Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS). Level of Care reviews help validate that cares are being received in the most appropriate, least restrictive setting. Nursing Facilities will receive a documentation request from LTSS when a Level of Care review is deemed necessary.

If you have questions about the PASRR process for individuals with mental illness, please contact McKenzie Grim, State Mental Health Authority representative at (605)773-3123. If you have questions about the Level of Care Reviews, please contact Krista Morris, LTSS Nurse Consultant, at (605)773-3656.

Please share this information with all personnel involved in the PASRR process including Discharge Planners, Social Workers, Case Managers, and Directors of Nursing.



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