



MEDICAID PROVIDER ALERT

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PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING & RESIDENT REVIEW (PASRR)

Dear Hospital Administrators and Discharge Planners:

Please be advised hospitals must not discharge patients to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities (NF) prior to completing the required PASRR process.

PASRR is a long-standing federal requirement (42 CFR §483.100 – 138) to ensure that individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or intellectual disabilities or related conditions (ID/RC) are not inappropriately placed in nursing facilities for long-term care. PASRR requires all applicants to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility:

- 1) Be evaluated for SMI and/or ID/RC;
- 2) Be offered the most appropriate setting for their needs (in the community, a nursing facility, or acute care settings); and
- 3) Receive the services they need in those settings.

The PASRR process begins with a Level I screening which is used to identify those who may meet the criteria to be evaluated for specialized services. A Level I screen is required for every individual applying for admission in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility. The Level I screen must be performed prior to discharge. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Level I form was recently revised and will be required to be used by October 1, 2014. The revised Form 14-300 (enclosed) can be found at the DSHS Forms website: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/forms/eforms.shtml>.

Hospitals are responsible for ensuring this form is complete and accurate before discharge to the NF. The professional who is referring the individual to the NF completes the PASRR Level I form. If SMI and/or ID/RC is identified or credibly suspected, a Level II evaluation is required to confirm that identification, determine whether the individual requires nursing facility level of care, and determine whether specialized services are required. With some exceptions, the Level II evaluation must be completed prior to discharge.

Per 42 C.F.R. §483.130, certain categories of individuals may be admitted to a NF without a prior Level II evaluation, even though they have SMI and/or ID/RC. The list of PASRR evaluators is available online at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/pasrr.shtml>. Please note: If a person has both SMI and ID/RC, referrals to both the SMI PASRR contractor and the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) regional coordinator are required. The Department plans to provide additional information and training through a webinar available to providers by November 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

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