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PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING & RESIDENT REVIEW (PASRR)

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrators and Interested Parties:

This is a friendly reminder that nursing facilities must not admit new residents prior to receiving Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) requirements.

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 that 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 admission.** The Level I form was recently revised and will be required to be used by November 1, 2014. The revised [Form 14-300](#) (enclosed) can be found at the DSHS Forms website: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/forms/eforms.shtml>.

The nursing facility is responsible for ensuring that the form is complete and accurate before admission. After admission, the NF must retain the Level I form as part of the resident record. In the event the resident experiences a significant change in condition (either a major improvement or decline in condition), or if an inaccuracy in the current Level I is discovered, the NF must complete a new PASRR Level I and make referrals to the appropriate entities if a serious mental illness and/or intellectual disability or related condition is identified or suspected (see form for more detail).

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 admission.**

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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. If the NF becomes aware that the stay may last beyond the time limit associated with the category, the NF must contact the SMI PASRR contractor and/or the DDA regional coordinator as soon as the NF becomes aware of the possibility. 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 DDA regional coordinator are required. The Department plans to provide information and training through a webinar available to providers by November 1, 2014.

Sincerely,



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