



The Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Process

What is PASRR?

PASRR is a process that must be followed prior to admitting any person with an actual or suspected Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability, or a Related Condition (MI/ID/RC) to a Medicaid certified nursing facility. The purposes of the PASRR process are to ensure that individuals with MI/ID/RC who request or are referred for admission to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility:

- 1) Are identified;
- 2) Are appropriately placed in the least restrictive setting; and
- 3) Receive adequate and appropriate treatment, services, and supports in whatever setting in which they are served.

How does PASRR work?

PASRR is a two-step process:

- 1) Level I Screening: All individuals referred for admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility must be screened for possible MI/ID/RC, even if the individual is not herself a Medicaid member. If the Level I Screen is positive for MI/ID/RC, then the individual must be referred for a Level II Evaluation.
- 2) Level II Evaluation: Individuals who screen positive for MI/ID/RC must be evaluated to determine whether the nursing facility is an appropriate placement for the individual, or whether the individual is better served in a community setting; and what services and supports the individual needs regardless of the setting in which the individual is served. The services identified during the Level II Evaluation, including “specialized services,” must be incorporated into the Individual’s Plan of Care.

What are “specialized services”?

The Level II Evaluation must identify the services that an individual with MI/ID/RC needs, and these services must be provided to or arranged for the individual. The services identified by the Level II Evaluation may include:

- 1) Nursing Facility Services: These are services that are provided to all residents of a nursing facility, such as room and board, and assistance with Activities of Daily Living. They are included in the nursing facility per diem rate.

- 2) Specialized Rehabilitative Services: These are services that are expected to be available to all nursing facility residents who need them. They specific to the individual and specified in the individual's plan of care, but like nursing facility services, they are included in the nursing facility per diem rate.
- 3) Specialized Services: any services and supports that a specific resident needs related to her MI/ID/RC. These services go beyond the services normally provided in a nursing facility under its per diem rate.

Specialized Services for individuals with ID/RC are directed to:

- The acquisition of the behaviors necessary for the client to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible; and
- The prevention or deceleration of regression or loss of current optimal functional status.

Specialized Services for individuals with MI are directed to:

- Provide for the treatment of persons experiencing an acute episode of serious mental illness;
- Diagnose and reduce the resident's behavioral symptoms that necessitated institutionalization;
- Improve his or her level of independent functioning; and
- Achieve a functioning level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health services to below the level of specialized services at the earliest possible time.

Examples of specialized services include, but are not limited to:

- Assistive technology;
- Crisis intervention;
- Supported Employment;
- Vision and dental services;
- Individual and group counseling;
- Psychiatric care;
- Behavioral management interventions; and
- One-to-one supervision necessary for behavior management.

What if I disagree with the determination of a Level II Evaluation?

As with all Medicaid-related decisions, if you disagree with the outcome of a PASRR Level II evaluation, you have a right to request an appeal. Issues that may be appealed include, but are not limited to:

- A finding that you do not have a MI/ID/RC;
- A denial, revocation, or reduction of a specialized service; and
- A finding that a nursing facility is or is not an appropriate placement for you.