

# Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review Level II

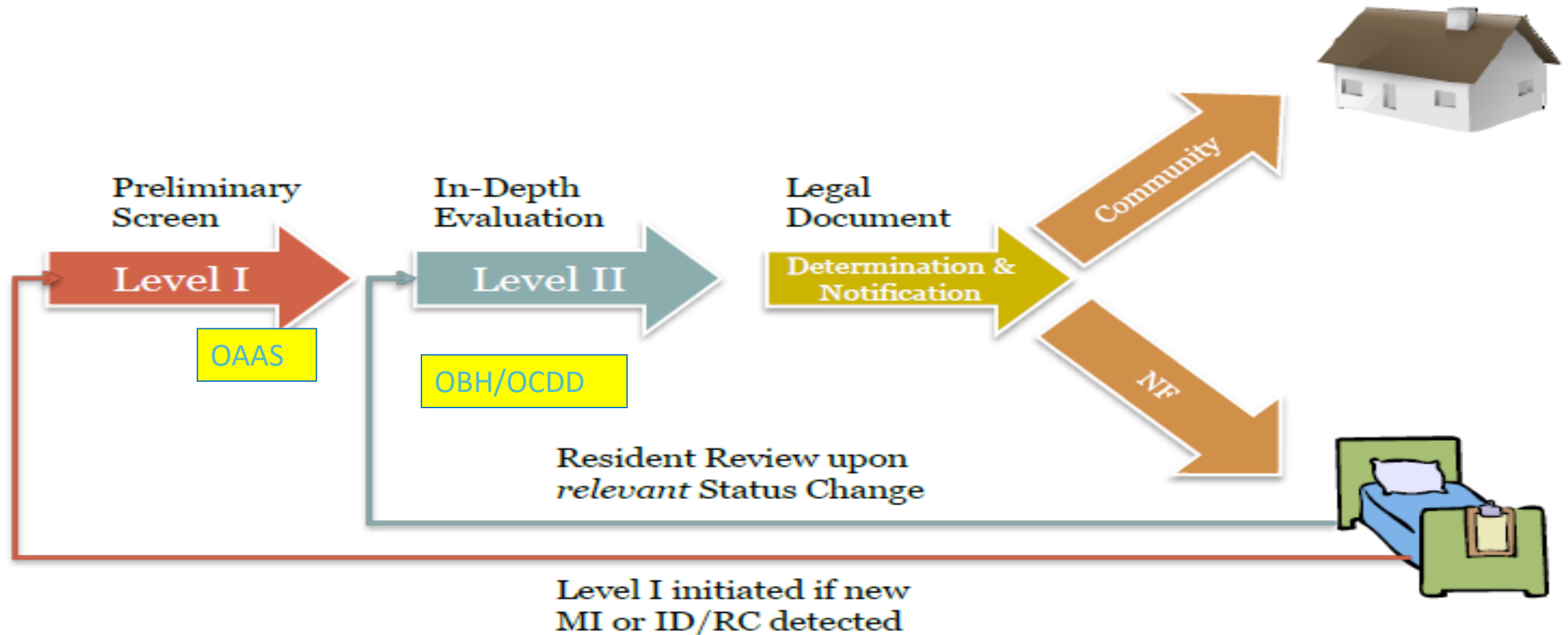
# The Purposes of PASRR

Created in 1987 through language in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA), Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is a federal requirement to help ensure that individuals are not inappropriately placed in nursing homes for long term care. PASRR requires that Medicaid-certified nursing facilities:

- Evaluate all applicants for serious mental illness (SMI) and/or intellectual disability (ID)
- Offered all applicants the most appropriate setting for their needs (in the community, a nursing facility, or acute care settings)
- Provide all applicants the services they need in those settings

Regulations governing PASRR are found in the Code of Federal Regulations, primarily at [42 CFR 483.100-138](#); further focus of attention in LDH's Agreement with the Federal Department of Justice found at <https://ldh.la.gov/page/my-choice-louisiana>

# The PASRR Process: A Basic Sketch



# PASRR Turnaround Time

- Per Federal Code of Regulation [483.112 (c)(1)]: Must be completed within 7 to 9 working days.
- Turnaround Time Allows for comprehensive Level II Review:
  - Coordination of Level II Independent Evaluation
  - Coordination to collect Level II documentation with facility and any support agencies
  - Managed Care review of Level II Independent Evaluation, Claims Data, and Service Authorizations
  - OBH review of all documentation and Level II Independent Evaluation and ensures all required documentation is present. If not present, coordinates with facility for needed documentation
  - OBH Psychiatrist review for all cases where dementia is suspected, where SMI is unable to be determined, and when NF may not be the least restrictive setting

# PASRR Turnaround Time Data

## Jan 1, 2023– December 31, 2023

- Total Pre-Admissions= **3245**
  - Average **Working Days** = **5.067**
  - Median= **5**
  
  - Average **Calendar Days** =**7.415**
  - Median= **8**
  
- 44 Pre-Admission cases processed out of Federal PASRR turn around time= **98.6% Federal Compliance Rate**

## January 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024

- Total Pre-Admissions= **1423**
  - Average **Working Days** = **4.19**
  - Median= **4**
  
  - Average **Calendar Days** =**6.19**
  - Median= **6**
  
- 5 Pre-Admission cases processed out of Federal PASRR turn around time= **99.65% Federal Compliance Rate**

# Level II Determination Results

- Approvals
  - All will be temporary
    - Pre-Admissions: 90 to 100 days (100 days for Convalescent Care)
    - Continued Stay Requests: based on individual needs, not to exceed 365 days
    - Resident Reviews: based on individual needs, not to exceed 365 days
- Denials
  - Nursing Facility is not the least restrictive setting and community options are more appropriate
    - Pre-Admissions: will result in referral to Community Case Management
    - Continued Stay Requests and Resident Reviews: Level II Authority may issue a denial in these instances, but is prone to issue a temporary approval to allow for proper coordination and safe transition with My Choice Louisiana.
  - Higher Level of Care is required
  - Not Enough Information to Make a Determination

# Federal Requirements for Level II Documentation

- Level II PASRR's must address the following to determine the need for nursing facility:
  - Evaluation of Physical Status
  - Evaluation of Mental Status
  - Functional Assessment (ADL)
- **Placement: "In determining appropriate placement, the evaluator must prioritize the physical and mental needs of the individual being evaluated, taking into account the severity of each condition."  
[483.132(b)]**

# Level II Documentation Requirements

- CURRENT **Face Sheet** from requesting facility
- CURRENT **MDS (resident reviews only)**
- CURRENT **Comprehensive history and physical with complete medical history,** and in the case of abnormal findings which are the basis of NF placement, **additional evaluations conducted by appropriate specialists.**
- CURRENT **comprehensive medication history/record**
- Any additional documentation that supports presence of functional needs that necessitate NF placement (PT, OT, ST notes, assessments, other unit notes...)



# Level II Documentation Requirements

- **CURRENT comprehensive psychiatric evaluation** with **complete psychiatric history**, intellectual functioning, memory functioning, and orientation, description of current attitudes and overt behaviors, affect, suicidal or homicidal ideation, paranoia, and degree of reality testing (presence of content of delusions) and hallucinations.
- **Current Psychosocial Assessment** (includes inpatient and outpatient treatment history for MH and SA issues and social history)
- **CURRENT Documentation that supports the need for nursing facility placement (i.e. physician letter, progress notes)**
- Corroborative testing or other information available to verify the presence of and progression of dementia (ie. CT Scan, MRI, testing results...)
- Any additional documentation to support presence of serious mental illness (social work notes, etc...)

# PASRR Level II Screening/Evaluation Overview

Who is involved in the PASRR Level II Screening/ Evaluation and Determination Process?

- Level II Evaluator: Trained Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP)
- Managed Care Organization: Review for and recommend service and support needs
- OBH PASRR Determination Specialists: Review documentation to determine if NF is least restrictive setting and SMI is present.
  - If documentation is lacking, they are unable to determine if NF is the least restrictive setting, or they are unable to determine if primary condition of treatment is related to SMI, they will refer to OBH Psychiatrist for MD review and final determination.
- OBH Psychiatrist: Reviews documentation to determine if primary condition of treatment is related to SMI and if NF is the least restrictive setting. Will rule out medical conditions that may mimic dementia or related conditions.

# PASRR and the Inpatient Facility

- **Federal Requirements**

- Timeliness
- Supporting Documentation Requirements
- Assessment Requirements

- **Tool for Discharge Planning**

- NF is not always the best fit for an individual
- To be considered **along with** all other possible discharge options
- Team effort

- **Identifies Resources**

- Louisiana Managed Care Organizations
- Diversion Resources
  - My Choice Louisiana
  - Home and Community Based Services via Office of Aging and Adult Services
  - Intensive Home and Community Based Behavioral Health Services
  - Supportive Housing
  - Transportation
  - Meal Support
  - Personal Care Services
  - Home and Community based medical services and specialized therapies

# PASRR Process and Benefits Summary

## • Process

- ✓ Person Centered
- ✓ Requires ALL Possible Placements to be Considered
- ✓ Collaborative and Multidisciplinary
  - ✓ Facility Treatment Team
  - ✓ Family/Caregivers
  - ✓ Paid Supports
  - ✓ LMHPs
  - ✓ Contracted Psychiatrists
- ✓ Mandated Turnaround Times

## • Benefits of Process

- ✓ Least Restrictive Setting
- ✓ Compliance with Federal Guidelines and DOJ Agreement
- ✓ Results in comprehensive recommendations
- ✓ Multiple State Offices and support agencies in congruence to support individual
- ✓ Quality Monitoring

# Resources

- OBH PASRR Phone: 225.342.4827
- OBH PASRR Fax: 1.877.652.4995
- OBH PASRR Email: [obh.pasrr@la.gov](mailto:obh.pasrr@la.gov) (not for PASRR requests)
- OBH PASRR Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/2467>

Questions?

# THANK YOU

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