




State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

HEALTHCARE FACILITY NOTICE/ORDER **Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Licensed Hospitals
All Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities

FROM: Erin Campbell 
Interim Medicaid Director

RE: Temporary Suspension of Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

DATE: March 24, 2020

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This Healthcare Facility Notice will provide information on the suspension of Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) activities for thirty (30) calendar days starting March 25, 2020. This directive is applicable to all licensed hospitals and nursing facilities in Louisiana.

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health ("LDH" or "Department"), is committed to taking critical steps to ensure public health and safety; to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the State of Louisiana, Department of Health, is **DIRECTING** that all licensed hospitals and nursing facilities adhere to the following provisions, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**:

PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING AND RESIDENT REVIEW

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Louisiana's 1135 Waiver Request in regards to the PASRR Level I and Level II requirements. Effective March 25, 2020, the Level I and Level II assessments required under PASRR are waived for the **next thirty (30) days**. All new admissions will be treated like exempted hospital discharges. After the thirty days, the new admissions to a nursing facility (NF) with suspected mental illness (MI) or intellectual disability (ID) will receive a resident review as soon as resources become available.

The facility/hospital should still call in a LOCET prior to proceeding with NF placement. However, in lieu of submitting the Level I PASRR to OAAS to initiate a request for a 142, facilities/hospitals shall submit a fax cover sheet indicating the following:

- the individual's demographic information including at a minimum, the person's name, date of birth (DOB), and social security number (SSN)
- the requestor's name
- the email address the completed Form 142 needs to be emailed to

Requests for a Form 142 shall be sent to OAAS, Nursing Facility Admissions Unit via RightFax at: (225) 389-8197, or, (225) 389-8198.

Nursing Facilities shall keep a list of all the individuals who are admitted to their facility for the next thirty days. At the expiration of the thirty days (April 24, 2020), each nursing facility is required to send that list to OAAS, Nursing Facility Admissions Unit via RightFax at: (225) 389-8197, or, (225) 389-8198. The list must specify the individuals with suspected MI or ID.

Also, please note that in accordance with 42 CFR 438.106(b)(4), new PASRR Level I and Level II screens are not required for residents who are being transferred between nursing facilities. If the nursing facility is not sure if a Level I was conducted at the resident's transferring facility, a level 1 can be conducted at the admitting facility during the first few days of admission as part of intake and transfers with positive Level I screens requiring a Resident Review.

End of Memo.