



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

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

DATE: December 15, 2020
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This Healthcare Facility Notice will provide information on the suspension of Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) activities. 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 LEVEL II

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Louisiana's 1135 Waiver Request in regards to the PASRR requirements. Effective December 15, 2020, **and until otherwise directed by LDH**, the Level II assessments required under PASRR are waived. All new admissions will be treated like exempted hospital discharges and if continued Nursing Facility (NF) placement is still warranted at the end of the initial authorization period, the NF shall use the existing continued stay request process. At that time, persons admitted under the waiver who have suspected mental illness (MI) or intellectual disability (ID) will be identified and receive a resident review.

The facility/hospital shall still call in a LOCET and complete the PASRR Level I process prior to proceeding with NF placement.

Nursing Facilities shall keep a list of all the individuals who are admitted to their facility for the next 30 days. This 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 without a break in service. If the nursing facility is not sure if a Level I was conducted at the resident's transferring facility, a Level I 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.