

# Regulatory Roundup

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## Today's Agenda



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- PASRR Delay Contact Vanessa Convard, Adult Protective Services (APS) Director & Services
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- Indiana State Ombudsman Program
   Lynn Clough, State LTC
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- Q&A



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## PASRR in Indiana

Presented By: Vanessa Convard, SEA & APS Director Tammy Heisler, LOC Manager Division of Aging



#### Purpose

• The purpose of this presentation is to give a high-level overview of the PASRR system.

• For more detailed information, please refer to the Indiana PASRR Provider Manual offered at the end of the presentation.



#### What We Will Review

- Contact Information
  Overview of the PASRR Process
  - Assessments
  - Provider Roles & Expectations







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## **Overview of Process**



### History

PASRR was created in 1987 through language in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA). It has three goals:

- 1. to identify individuals with mental illness (MI) and/or intellectual disability (ID)
- 2. to ensure they are placed appropriately, whether in the community or in a NF; and
- 3. to ensure that they receive the services they require for their MI or ID (wherever they are placed).





http://www.pasrrassist.org/resources/laws-and-rules/introduction-pasrr

#### **PASRR** Purpose

The most appropriate service

In the most appropriate place

At the most appropriate time



## Assessments

Level 1
Level 2
Level of Care



#### Important Note

- All assessments must be completed PRIOR to entering a nursing facility
- Currently operating under the 1135 waiver, which allows for a person to enter NF before assessments are complete

- NF has 30 days to complete assessments



#### Level 1

The purpose of a Level I screen, given to all NF applicants, is to determine whether an individual *might* have MI and/or ID. This screen should yield a positive result if the individual *might* have MI and/or ID or related condition (i.e., it should produce no false negatives).



#### Level 2

- The Level II evaluation is meant to "look behind" the diagnosis of record.
- If an individual "tests positive" at Level I, the subsequent Level II screen will:
  - Confirm or disconfirm the results of the Level I screen, and
  - For individuals who have MI or ID, determine where they should be placed - whether in a NF or in the community - and identify the set of services they require to maintain and improve their functioning.
  - to enumerate the MI/ID services the individual needs, including services the NF can provide under its per diem and services that must be arranged separately (so-called "specialized services").



#### Level of Care (LOC)

- The LOC screen is an evaluation to determine the most appropriate setting to meet an individual's medical & behavioral needs. The LOC screen identifies whether a person requires the level of care provided in a skilled or intermediate nursing facility, and if appropriate for NF admission, how much time the individual is expected to need.
  - Only required for:
  - residents who have (or who will have) Medicaid as a payer
    - Out of State NF applicants
    - Anyone who triggers a Level II



## Exemptions to Level 2

#### Exempted Hospital Discharge

- This exemption is limited to stays of up to 30 days. It is allowed only when all the following circumstances exist:
- The resident has been hospitalized for acute inpatient care.
- The resident requires NF services for the condition for which care was received in the hospital.
- The attending physician certifies before admission to the facility that the resident is expected to require fewer than 30 days of NF services.

#### **Dementia Exemption**

- Applies to 1) people with a sole diagnosis of dementia, or 2) people with dementia & MI diagnosis
- Level 1 must include documentation that supports dementia as primary diagnosis.
- Cannot occur unless sufficient evidence confirms the progression of dementia as primary.



#### Level 2 Categorical Decisions

**Provisional Emergency Situations** 

- Sudden, unexpected & urgent need for placement
- Individual meets APS or DCS criteria
- A lower level of care is not available
- Up to 7 calendar days

#### Respite Care

- Respite care concerns individuals admitted to an NF from home for short-term respite care. To qualify for respite care, on admission, there must be an expressed intention of leaving the NF by the expiration of the approved respite time period.
- Up to 30 days per calendar quarter, with 15 days or more inbetween stays





# Level 2 Categorical Decisions

#### **Terminal Illness Categorical**

 The Terminal Illness categorical is available when a person has a medical condition, when running its normal course, that would have a life expectancy of 6 months or less.

## **Convalescent Categorical**

- Received acute inpatient treatment in a medical hospital and is discharging from the hospital to a NF after receiving medical services
- Between 31-60 days per calendar days
- Like EHD, but for up to an extra 30 days.



#### Note Regarding Exemptions/Categorical Decisions

• Exemptions may be applied only to individuals who do not pose a threat to themselves or others and whose behavioral symptoms are stable.

~Policy Manual 1.4, page 16



## **Possible Outcomes**

Level 1
Level 2
Level of Care



#### Possible Outcomes of Level 1

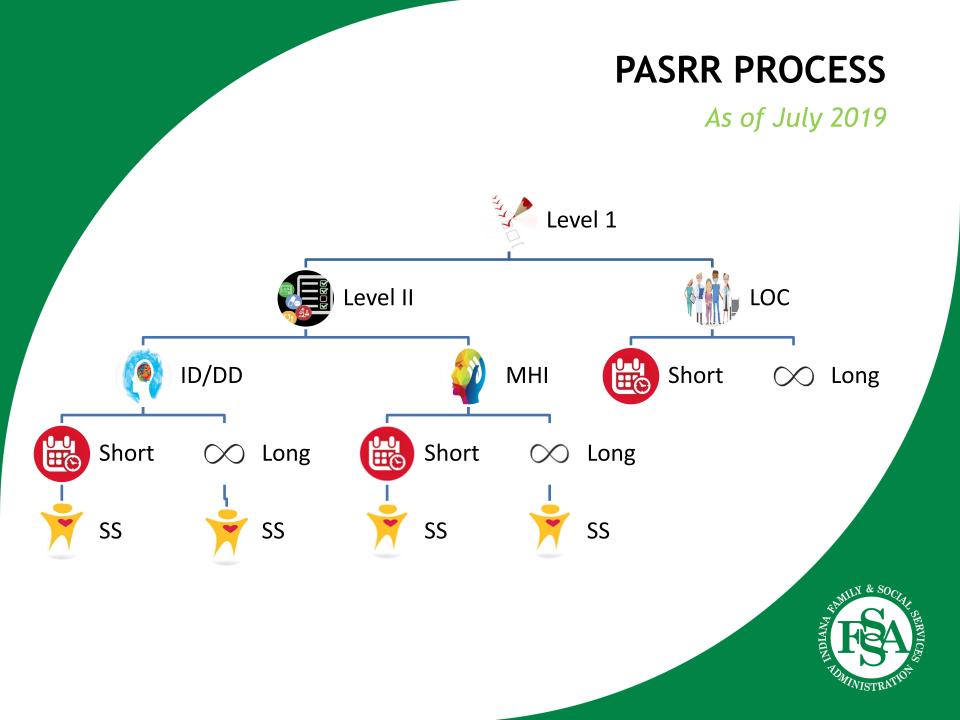
- No Level II Required
- Level II Required – ID/DD
  - -MHI
- Exemption or Categorical



#### Possible Outcomes of LOC & Level 2

- Approved for Short-Term Nursing Facility Care
  - 30, 60, 90, or 120 calendar days
- Approved for Long-Term NF Care
  - 120+ days
- Denied for NF Care
  - referred to AAA for onsite assessment





## **Provider Roles**

- Hospitals
- Nursing Facilities
- Area Agencies on Aging



Scenario:	Submitting Entity:	Complete in AssessmentPro:		Upload* to AssessmentPro:	Process Changes:
<ul> <li>Individual seeking nursing facility admission from hospital (80%)</li> </ul>			PASRR Level I Complete for all	Required: H&P MAR	<ul> <li>No 450B</li> <li>No submission to AAA</li> <li>No paper to pass on to nursing facility</li> <li>Data entry by discharge planner</li> <li>Quicker turnaround times</li> </ul>
	Hospital	SHORT	LOC Short Form Complete for Medicaid recipients (and anyone who triggers a PASRR Level II)	<ul> <li>If Applicable:</li> <li>Psychiatric</li> <li>Evaluation</li> <li>Cognitive Testing</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Continued stay requests (LOC only)</li> </ul>	Nursing Facility	<b>S</b>	<b>PASRR Level I</b> Complete for change in status, emergency admits, & out of states	Required: H&P	<ul> <li>No 450B</li> <li>No submission to AAA</li> <li>Less paper to maintain</li> <li><u>No e-450B system</u> <u>needed</u></li> <li>Data entry in system by nursing facility staff</li> <li>Quicker turnaround times</li> <li>No LOC decision required for non- Medicaid stays unless a Level II is triggered</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Resident becomes Medicaid eligible (LOC only)</li> </ul>			LOC Long Form Complete for Medicaid recipients	<ul> <li>MAR</li> <li>MDS (Resident Review Only)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Change in Status</li> <li>Emergency admission</li> <li>Out of state admission</li> <li>Respite admission</li> </ul>		0	<b>PathTracker</b> Complete for notice of admission and transfer to another nursing facility	<ul> <li>Helpful if Available:</li> <li>Psychiatric Evaluation</li> <li>Cognitive Testing</li> <li>Nursing/Progress Notes</li> </ul>	
→ Individual seeking nursing facility admission from home			PASRR Level I Complete for all	<b>Required</b> : ■ H&P	<ul> <li>New LOC tool</li> <li>Standardized definition of options counseling that should be part of an at-home PASRR screening</li> <li>No paper to pass on to nursing facility</li> </ul>
	Area Agency on Aging (AAA)		LOC Long Form Complete for all	<ul> <li>MAR</li> <li><i>If Applicable:</i></li> <li>Psychiatric Evaluation</li> <li>Cognitive Testing</li> </ul>	









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