Important Changes to Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) for the Local Authority

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Updates to the Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal to be implemented in summer 2014 include rejection of the MDS Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) when submitted by the Nursing Facility prior to PASRR Level 1 screening (PL1) submission, determining Medical Necessity (MN) on and from the PASRR Evaluation (PE), and new alerts for Local Authorities (LAs).

The Nursing Facility (NF) submission of an MDS LTCMI will be rejected on the LTC Online Portal until a PL1 has been completed and submitted on the LTC Online Portal for the individual for the submitting MDS Nursing Facility. For any preadmissions (when an individual is not being admitted to an NF under Expedited Admission or Exempted Hospital Discharge) that are determined to be a Positive PL1, the LA must submit a PL1 on the LTC Online Portal. For any PL1s that are determined to be Negative, the NF is able to submit the PL1 on the LTC Online Portal. Information about PASRR and submitting a PL1 or a PE can be found in the LTC Local Authority PASRR Workshop User Guide, which is available on this website.

The PE is completed by the LA to validate a suspicion of Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability, or Developmental Disability suspected by the PL1 Screening. With updates to the LTC Online Portal, MN on preadmission PEs will now be determined. The MDS will inherit the MN determined by the preadmission PE; therefore the MDS will be rejected waiting for MN determination to be performed on the PE.

If the PE is determined to be negative and the resident or their legally authorized representative disagrees, the LA will be required to attend the Fair Hearing. Information about Fair Hearings can be found in the LTC Local Authority PASRR Workshop User Guide, which is available on this website.

New systematic alerts are being generated to notify the LA of potential issues. They are:

- When an individual is potentially PASRR Positive, the alert notifies the LA to conduct a PE visit.
- When a resident has a change in condition, the alert notifies the LA to conduct a PE visit.
- When a resident has a change in condition due to a comatose, the alert notifies the LA to conduct a PE visit.

Contact TMHP at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1, for questions about the upcoming changes to the LTC Online Portal.