Important Changes to Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) for the Nursing Facility

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Summer of 2014 updates to the Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal to be implemented include rejection of the MDS Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) when submitted prior to the PASRR Level 1 Screening (PL1), determining Medical Necessity (MN) on and from the PASRR Evaluation (PE), and a new alert for Nursing Facilities.

For any preadmissions (when an individual is not being admitted to a Nursing Facility under Expedited Admission or Exempted Hospital Discharge) that are determined to have a Positive PL1, the Local Authority (LA) must submit the PL1 and PE on the LTC Online Portal prior to admission to a Nursing Facility. Instructions on how to locate your LA can be found on the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) website on the PASRR resources page. For any PL1s that are determined to be Negative, the Nursing Facility is able to submit those on the LTC Online Portal. Information about PASRR, submitting a PL1, or submitting an LTCMI can be found in the LTC Nursing Facility/Hospice User Guide, which is available on this website.

If a PL1 has not been submitted prior to the submission of the MDS LTCMI, the LTCMI will not be accepted on the LTC Online Portal. Providers will have the ability to save the LTCMI as a draft and attempt resubmission once the PL1 is submitted on the LTC Online Portal.

The PE will be used to determine MN for PASRR positive individuals; the initial MDS assessment will inherit the medical necessity determination from the PE. The MDS LTCMI will be rejected waiting for the MN determination on the PE.

A new systematic alert is being generated to notify the Nursing Facility when the NF has not indicated whether it is able to serve the individual on the PL1, so action can be taken. This ability to serve the individual is indicated by field D0100N on the PL1. The Nursing Facility must click on the “Able to Serve Individual” or “Unable to Serve Individual” button in the yellow Form Actions bar on the LTC Online Portal in order for this field to be populated. Alerts and the ability to serve the individual are described in the LTC Nursing Facility/Hospice User Guide, which is available on this website.

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