Important Updates for the Nursing Facility

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Several important updates are scheduled to implement this summer to the Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal and Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR). They include:

- Minimum Data Set (MDS) Rejections
- Nursing Facility (NF) Alerts
- Updates to the Change of Ownership (CHOW) Process

In addition to the updates, reminders for the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Meeting and Certification Process are included in this article.

Minimum Data Set (MDS) Rejections

If a PASRR Level 1 (PL1) Screening Form has not been submitted prior to the MDS Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) submission, the LTCMI will not be accepted on the LTC Online Portal. NFs will be able to save the LTCMI as a draft and resubmit the LTCMI after the PL1 has been submitted. If a NF admits a Preadmission individual without the PL1, the NF will need to contact the LA to submit the PL1 due to NFs not being allowed to submit positive Preadmission PL1s. NFs are able to submit PL1s for Expedited Admissions, Exempted Hospital Discharge Admissions and negative PL1 Screening Forms.

For Preadmission individuals, the first MDS assessment will inherit medical necessity (MN) determination from the positive PASRR Evaluation (PE) that is associated with it. The MDS LTCMI will be rejected waiting for the MN determination on the PE.

Nursing Facility Alerts

A new systematic alert is being generated on the LTC Online Portal to notify the NF when they have not indicated on the PL1 whether they are able to serve the individual.

NFs will now be able to go to the Alerts page on the LTC Online Portal and see all PL1s awaiting certification for their NF. Information about alerts and PASRR’s ability to serve the individual can be found in the Long Term Care Nursing Facility/Hospice User Guide, which is available on this website.

Updates to the Change of Ownership (CHOW) Process

With the PASRR updates, the CHOW Process is changing to the following:

1. Notify DADS PASRR Unit via the PASRR email address (pasrr@dads.state.tx.us) that the NF is going through a CHOW. In the email, provide the following information:
   - Former NF Name
   - Former NF Address (complete address)
   - Former NF Vendor/Contract Number
- New NF Name
- Date CHOW Process was initiated
- The number of current residents

2. Maintain a list of all newly admitted residents after the CHOW was initiated.

3. Once TMHP LTC Online Portal access is reinstated, the NF must enter a PL1 for every resident in the NF.

4. NFs will have 90 days to enter a PL1 for every resident in the facility.

The DADS PASRR Unit will contact the NF going through CHOW weekly to obtain a list of all newly admitted residents since the CHOW was initiated. At the end of 90 days, the DADS PASRR Unit will verify on the TMHP LTC Online Portal that a PL1 has been entered for every resident, those residing in the NF pre-CHOW and those admitted, post-CHOW.

**Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Meeting and Certification Process**

This process has been in place since the PASRR redesign implementation in May 2013. NFs are required to take two steps to complete the PASRR Admission Process:

1. Certify the ability to meet the individual’s needs by answering two questions/fields in Section D of the PL1:
   - Field D0100N. NF is willing and able to serve individual
   - Field D0100O. NF Admitted the individual (only the admitting NF should complete this field)

2. Invite the Local Authority/Local Mental Health Authority (LA/LMHA) to participate in the IDT/Care Planning Meeting by informing the LA/LMHA of the date and time of the meeting. This meeting must occur within the first 14 days of admission.

The LA/LMHA must participate in the IDT/Care Planning Meeting for all newly admitted PASRR positive individuals regardless of service array. The LA/LMHA does not have to be physically present at the meeting; participation by telephone is permissible. The LA/LMHA specialized services should be included in the NF’s Comprehensive Care Plan. All finalized specialized services must be initiated for delivery within 30 days after the specialized services are identified in the Comprehensive Care Plan.

The NF is responsible for initiating and/or providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and customized adaptive aids.

The LA/LMHA is responsible for initiating and/or providing service coordination, alternate placement, and vocational rehabilitation (where available).

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