LTC Nursing Facility Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Webinar Questions

Question and Answer Session
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Q: Is a PL1 needed when doing a SCSA?
A: A PL1 will need to have been submitted in order to complete the LTCMI section for any MDS assessment type.

Q: Is the PL1 to be done before admission? I thought the resident had to be admitted prior to admission. Please clarify the appropriate time to do PL1.
A: A PL1 can be completed prior to admission by the local authority. This process involves the referring entity contacting the local authority before the person admits into the Nursing Facility. If this pre-admission process is not completed then the Nursing Facility will need to complete the PL1 upon entry of the individual.

Q: When is the PL1 to be done prior to admission or when admitted? Can it be done the day after the actual admit?
A: The PL1 can be completed any time prior to admission by the local authority. If it has not been done prior to admission to the Nursing Facility then the Nursing Facility will need to complete the PL1 as soon as possible after admission.

Q: If I have a hard time getting a PASRR from another NF or a hospital, do I fill it out myself and submit?
A: Yes, the NF can submit a new PL1 if the previous NF is unable to submit one for whatever reason.

Q: If I have a Positive PASRR resident that has been in facility for years, and we have just had the care plan meeting with LMHA in attendance, do I have to enter that IDT? My understanding is that you only have to enter IDT for brand new positive PASRR resident or current resident that have changes that require services. Is that correct?
A: IDT meetings should be documented on the PL1 for the initial meeting and annual meetings. Other meetings may also be documented. For more clarification, or for unique cases, you may want to contact the PASRR unit at PASRR@DADS.state.tx.us.

Q: The admitted to NF button is always greyed out when I do PASRRs.
A: The NF will see the button when a PE has been submitted for the resident and the PL1 form status has moved to ‘Individual Placed in NF – PE Confirmed.’
Q: If a PL1 has been entered incorrectly such as wrong name, birthday, or incorrect SS#, how can this be corrected.
A: A PL1 can be updated within 90 days or until a PE has been entered. There will be an “Update Form” button located at the top of the form. If the PE has been generated, but is not in a Processed/Complete status in the authorization tab, then updates can be made to the PE which will populate on the PL1. If none of these avenues are available and the PL1 still needs to be updated, then a new PL1 will need to be entered which will inactivate the errant form.

Q: What if the PL1 form is over 92 days and needs to be updated due to incorrect information and it will not update due to being over 92 days from admission date/assessment date of PL1?
A: A new PL1 will need to be entered which will inactivate the errant form. This new form will require a date within the previous 90 days to be submitted. A note should be included, after submission, stating that this new form is to correct the older PL1.

Q: If a resident is discharged to hospital and is gone over 30 days, does a new PL1 need to be done and do we put on the existing PL 1 that resident was discharged?
A: Yes a new PL1 is required; no action is needed on the previous PL1.

Q: I'm seeing so many NF staff members overwhelmed by paperwork and procedures. Most of it is in response to Medicaid and Medicare. Any push for paper-reduction or form-reduction/simplification?
A: Texas Medicaid has not control over the required Medicaid or Medicare forms or form submission timeframes.

Q: New facility awaiting their CCN numbers. PASRR completed but not able to transmit yet. Resident expires during the time waiting to transmit PASRR. When able to transmit MDS was denied because PASRR not of file.
A: The NF should be able to submit the PASRR Level 1 (PL1) on the LTC Online Portal; the CCN number is not required on the PL1.

Q: What happens if the facility is not able to serve the individual's needs? How long does the LA/LMHA have to find another place for the individual?
A: This would be a policy related question that would need to be addressed with the DADS PASRR unit which can be reached via email at PASRR@DADS.state.tx.us.

Q: What happens if the individual stays longer than 30 days in an NF and a PE does not get submitted?
A: This is related to PASRR Policy and can be directed to DADs.
Q: What is a Referring Entity?
A: Referring Entities can be Hospitals, Doctors’ Offices, Law Enforcement, or Home Health Agencies and Hospice Agencies.

Q: What is Minimum Data Set?
A: The MDS is a standardized, primary screening and assessment tool of health status that forms the foundation of the comprehensive assessment for all residents in a Medicare and/or Medicaid-certified long-term care facility.

Q: What happens if the LTCMI is not accepted due to a missing PL1?
A: The NF needs to submit the appropriate PL1 and resubmit the LTCMI.

Q: What is an Interdisciplinary Team Meeting?
A: The IDT Meeting is a joint meeting between the NF, LA/LMHA, individual, or individual’s LAR. An IDT is held for any individual who has a positive PE within 14 days of entry to the NF.

Q: What constitutes an alternate setting?
A: These can include assisted living, private residence, or other institutionalized settings.

Q: Who can request a fair hearing?
A: A Fair Hearing may be requested on behalf of the individual or by the individual. The individual can request one or a legal authorized representative (LAR).

Q: Who can be contacted to request a fair hearing?
A: The TMHP LTC Help Desk can be contacted at 1-800-626-4117 (Option 5 for Fair Hearing department)

Q: Can an individual still request alternate placement after being admitted to an NF?
A: Yes

Q: What are the preceding events that must take place before an IDT Meeting?
A: An individual needs to be admitted into an NF, evaluated by the LMHA, and have a PASRR positive PE.
**Q: What if an individual has multiple forms?**

**A:** Over time, there can be multiple PL1 Screening Forms and multiple PEs for an individual. By linking the active PE to the active PL1 Screening Form, it is always possible to determine which ones are the active PL1 Screening Form and PE.

**Q: When should a PL1 be submitted by a NF?**

**A:** The PL1 should be submitted on the LTC Online Portal as soon as possible after submission to a NF.

**Q: How does a nurse decide whether someone requires MN?**

**A:** If services are:
- Ordered by the physician;
- Dependent upon the individual’s documented medical conditions;
- Require the skills of a registered or licensed vocational nurse;
- Provided either directly by or under the supervision of a licensed nurse in an institutional setting; and
- Required on a regular basis.

**Q: What is PMN?**

**A:** The Texas Administrative Code defines Permanent Medical Necessity (PMN) as:
"A recipient may establish permanent Medical Necessity status after completion date of any MDS assessment is approved for Medical Necessity no less than 184 calendar days after the recipient’s admission to the Texas Medicaid Nursing Facility Program. “

**Q: Where can I find the Texas Administrative Code?**

**A:** It can be located on the DADs website at [www.dads.state.us.tx](http://www.dads.state.us.tx).

**Q: What kind of additional information can be added to a pending denial in order to meet MN?**

**A:** Any evidence of skilled need to manage health conditions can be added to aid in the process of approving MN. Some examples may be clarifying diagnosis per MD, wound care orders, etc.
Q: What if the appellant speaks only Spanish (or other language that is not English)?

A: They must notify the hearing officer at least two days before the hearing if they are going to need an interpreter for the case.

Q: What are the hours for the LTC Help Desk?

A: TMHPs help desk is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.