



## March 2016 Commitment to Care Quality Topic

### PASRR Documentation Issues DADS Has Identified and How They May Affect Your Facility

Texas experienced some changes to the **Preadmission and Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Rules: TAC Title 40, Part 1, Chapter 19, and Subchapter BB** last year. At that time rules and regulations regarding the nursing facility's (NFs) responsibility for screening, reporting and providing services changed significantly. Since the changes, **DADS has identified some issues with NF's complying with the new requirements**, this article is designed to provide you with the information you need to make sure your facility is complying with all of the PASRR regulations.

#### *Quick PASRR Facts*

- PASRR addresses specialized services and placement of individuals with mental illness (MI), intellectual disability (ID) or developmental disability (DD).
- PASRR requirements apply to all Medicaid-certified NFs.
- PASRR requires that all applicants and residents of a Medicaid-certified NF be evaluated for MI, ID and DD and receive a PASRR Level 1 (PL1) screening; be offered the most appropriate setting for their needs (community, a nursing facility, or acute care setting); and receive the services they need in those settings.

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***It's every NF's responsibility to know the regulations related to PASRR and comply with them. NF responsibilities related to PASRR are found in***

***[TAC Title 40, Part 1, Chapter 19, Subchapter BB](#). NOTE Subchapter BB is NEW.***

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#### ***PASRR PROCESS – NF Responsibilities TAC ([step by step in the code](#))***

The PASRR Process must begin with screening. PASRR rules indicate that the Referring Entity (RE), which is not necessarily a medical professional, should complete the initial PL1. The RE can be a hospital discharge planner, social worker, group home, psychiatric hospital, physician's office, or a family member.

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***Remember a positive PL1 is merely an indication that the individual MAY have***

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*MI, ID, or DD.*

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**Ultimately** it is the NFs responsibility to ensure that all residents have received a PL1 screen.

Regardless of the outcome of the PL1 it is the NFs responsibly, if they admit the individual, to enter the PL1 details into the Long Term Care Online Portal.

***Common Submission Errors Identified by DADS PASRR Dept.***

- If a PL1 Screening Form has not been submitted prior to the submission of the Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI), the LTCMI will not be accepted on the LTC Online Portal and will result in an error message.
- A PL1 must be submitted to the portal prior to the submission of the first Minimum Data Set (MDS) Admission Assessment.

***NF's have other partners in this process***

- Local IDD Authorities (LIDDA)
- Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA).

(Formerly called Local Authorities)

***LTC Portal***

NFs and the LIDDA/LMHA communicate through the LTC Portal.

NFs **MUST** use the portal to:

- check daily for PASRR communications
- obtain a copy of the PE
- certify that a resident's needs can be met in their facility
- document that an Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meeting was held



***NFs Should Be Aware***

DADS announced the PASRR changes in [Provider Letter \(PL\) 2015-16](#) on July 7, 2015.

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***Since the PL DADS has identified that a critical step in the PASRR Process is NOT being consistently done in some NFs. Specifically the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meetings are either not being held or not being documented in the portal as being held.***

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NFs that fail to follow through on their responsibilities related to the PASRR Process; which includes convening IDT meetings with the LIDDA and LMHA, or perform the required portal entry of the IDT, are subject to be cited under Federal Tag 285 as well as other State regulations, referred to in the above PL link. DADS is interpreting all individuals without the required documentation in the portal as being complaints especially if any of the individuals have specialized services that have not been provided.

In order for a NF to ensure the process is current and up to date for all of their applicable residents, the NF may want to audit all of their Positive PLi individual's records to ensure that all tasks and forms related to the process have been completed and documented appropriately.

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***Should you realize that your NF PASRR records are not in compliance, as a next step you may consider contacting the DADS PASRR Hot Line at 512-438-3028 for direction.***

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Be sure to review the additional links provided on the C2C page.

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