

SUBJECT: Additional updates to Nursing Home and Swing Bed PASRR Requirements

Attention Nursing Home and Swing Bed Providers,

UPDATE TO NURSING HOME AND SWINGBED PASRR REQUIREMENTS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid have taken numerous actions as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic to ensure that sufficient healthcare items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the Medicaid program and to ensure that healthcare providers that furnish these items and services may be paid.

The following flexibilities may be appropriate for your facility:

- 1.) Suspend Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASRR) Level I and Level II Assessments for 30 days. All new admissions may be treated like exempted hospital discharges. After 30 days, new admissions with mental illness or intellectual disability should receive a PASRR Level I and PASRR Level II, if required.
- 2.) Also, please note that new preadmission Level I and Level II screens are not required for residents who are being transferred between nursing facilities for 30 days.
- 3.) The 7-9 day timeframe for Level II completion is an annual average for all preadmission screens, not individual assessments, and only applies to the preadmission screens. There is not a set timeframe for when a Resident Review must be completed, but it should be conducted as soon as resources become available.

For the safety of the clients and staff, the psychosocial evaluation can be conducted remotely by telehealth or telephonically. Please make sure the individual remains directly involved in the evaluation process to the fullest extent.

These flexibilities are effective March 1, 2020 and will end upon the termination of the public health emergency, including any extensions.

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