

Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review and Level of Care

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What is it and why is it important?

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is a federal requirement to help ensure that individuals are not inappropriately placed in nursing homes for long term care. PASRR requires that Medicaid-certified nursing facilities:

- ▶ Evaluate all applicants for serious mental illness (SMI) and/or intellectual disability (ID)
- ▶ Offer all applicants the most appropriate setting for their needs (in the community, a nursing facility, or acute care settings)
- ▶ Provide all applicants the services they need in those settings

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What information should the facility have in the resident record related to the PASRR process?

- ▶ Initial Assessment -Social and Medical (DA 124 A/B form)
- ▶ Level One Nursing Facility Pre-Admission Screening for Mental Illness/Mental Retardation or Related Condition (DA 124 C form)
- ▶ Determination Letter (if the resident met the criteria for a Level II screening)
- ▶ PASRR Level II Evaluation Completed by Bock & Associates (if the resident met the criteria for a Level II screening)

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What should the facility do with the information contained in the assessments?

- ▶ Ensure they understand the care needs of the resident and determine ability to meet those needs, prior to admission.
- ▶ Use the care needs identified in the assessment to establish the plan of care.
- ▶ Use the Level II screening results to determine what behavioral health needs the resident has, including past trauma, to determine ability to provide lesser intensity services, and establish a plan of care.

What State Entities are involved with the PASRR process?

COMRU

Dept. of Health & Senior Services,
Central Office Medical
Review Unit

Processes Level of Care
(24 Point Count)
Refers the Level II screenings to
DMH

DMH

Dept. of Mental Health

Coordinates with
Bock & Associates
regarding Level II referrals, and
reevaluations.

FSD

Dept. of Social Services,
Family Support Division

Releases Medicaid Payment
to the Nursing Facility once
the Level of Care and/or
Level II process is complete.

PASRR Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I submit the PASRR forms (DA 124s)?

- ▶ The application can be sent to COMRU via email: COMRU@health.mo.gov
- ▶ COMRU has an automatic email that is sent to the submitter. The automatic email is updated periodically.
- ▶ If the application is missing required documentation, including the medication list or physician signature, the application is rejected and emailed to the original submitter. (typically within a day of submission)
- ▶ Please ensure the emails sent by COMRU are not going to the submitter's junk email; as this will delay with processing.
- ▶ Review the scanned application prior to sending to COMRU to ensure it is legible and complete (all documents are attached to the email).

PASRR Frequently Asked Questions

On the initial assessment, what forms need to be submitted to COMRU for review?

- ▶ The Initial Assessment -Social and Medical (DA 124 A/B form) and the Nursing Facility Pre-Admission Screening for Mental Illness/Mental Retardation or Related Condition (DA 124 C) forms must to be completed for all applicants seeking Medicaid Reimbursement. All three forms must be received by COMRU in order to process Level of Care and to refer individuals meeting the criteria to DMH for the Level II screening.
- ▶ If the applicant triggers for a Level II screening; the screening must be completed prior to admission.

PASRR Frequently Asked Questions

When might COMRU need a new Pre-Admission Screening application submitted?

- ▶ If the client has been out of a nursing facility 60 days or greater;
- ▶ If Family Support Division requests the screening for an individual re-applying for Medicaid (indicate Re-applying for Medicaid on DA-124 A/B)
- ▶ If DMH requests for a re-evaluation screening (The approval letter will indicate conditional approval.)
- ▶ If the client meets criteria for a Change in Status.
- ▶ When any of the above occur, please submit a new application packet, including the Initial Assessment -Social and Medical (DA 124 A/B form) and the Nursing Facility Pre-Admission Screening for Mental Illness/Mental Retardation or Related Condition DA 124 C form to COMRU for processing.

PASRR Frequently Asked Questions

What is required when a resident transfers to another SNF?

- ▶ If COMRU has already processed the DA 124s and/or Level II screening and the resident has not been out of a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) greater than 60 days, a reassessment is not required.
 - ▶ COMRU does not require new DA 124s; the accepting SNF will contact and obtain the previous DA 124s and/or Level II screening from the previous SNF.
 - ▶ If you are unable to obtain a copy, email COMRU@health.mo.gov for a copy of the DA124 forms. The Level II report can be obtained by contacting records.mo@bock-associates.com.
- ▶ If the client was admitted from the hospital, the accepting NF should identify where the client had been residing for the last 60 days. If the resident lived in a SNF, the home should obtain information from the previous SNF instead of submitting new DA 124s to COMRU.

PASRR Frequently Asked Questions

When do I need to submit new level of care documentation for a "Change in Status" to the Central Office Medical Review Unit?

- ▶ A change in status is only submitted for clients with Mental Illness or Intellectual Disability, when the resident did not previously meet criteria for a Level II screening, however information now supports the need for one.
- ▶ The Nursing Facility would submit a new DA 124 A/B form, DA 124 C form and supporting documentation showing the reason why the client now is suspected to have a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

What is a Special Admission Category?

There are 5 Special Admission Categories

- ▶ Terminal Illness
 - ▶ Severe Physical Illness (examples are listed on the back of the DA 124 C form)
 - ▶ Respite Care (stays not more than thirty (30) days)
 - ▶ Emergency Provision Admission
 - ▶ Direct Transfer from a Hospital (Stays not more than thirty (30) days for the condition for which the person is currently receiving hospital care.
- ▶ If the person submitting the level of care application is seeking a resident to be admitted under a Special Admission Category, this would be indicated on the DA 124 C form, Section D. The submitter would also send with the application the Special Admission Category Referral (available online).
 - ▶ The Special Admission request should be approved by COMRU, prior to admission, unless it is an emergency situation. In an emergency situation, a DSDS caseworker or DHSS central office will provide instruction to COMRU.
 - ▶ It is the responsibility of nursing facilities to notify COMRU via email or fax if the client is going to stay past the allotted timeframe approved.

State surveyors may review the following documents related to the PASRR process

Initial Assessment-Social
and Medical
(DA 124 A/B)

Level One Nursing Facility
Pre-Admission Screening
for Mental Illness/Mental
Retardation or Related
Condition
(DA 124 C)

Determination
Letter

Level II Report
Bock Report

Why is the Level II Screening Important?

The Level II report (Bock Report) is a very detailed report of the client's physical and/or mental condition. For residents with MI or ID, their assessment and comprehensive plan of care must be coordinated with their PASARR.

The Level II report (Bock Report) is an important tool. It identifies *lesser intensity services* that the nursing facility should be implementing to assist the client function at their highest level.

The Level II report (Bock Report) also indicates if long-term NF Level of Services or Short term NF Level of Services is recommended.

Is there a MDS question regarding to PASRR?

A 1500

Is the resident currently considered by the state level II PASRR process to have serious mental illness and/or intellectual disability ("mental retardation" in federal regulation) or a related condition?
 0.No
 Skip to A1550, Conditions Related to ID/DD Status.
 1.Yes
 Continue to A1510, Level II Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Conditions.
 Skip to A1550, Conditions Related to ID/DD Status.

A 1510

Level II Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Conditions. Complete only if A0310A = 01, 03, 04, or 05.

 Check all that apply:
 A. Serious mental illness.
 B. Intellectual Disability ("mental retardation" in federal regulation).
 C. Other related conditions.

A 1550

Conditions Related to ID/DD Status. If the resident is 22 years of age or older, complete only if A0310A = 01. If the resident is 21 years of age or younger, complete only if A0310A = 01, 03, 04, or 05.
 Check all conditions that are related to ID/DD status that were manifested before age 22, and are likely to continue indefinitely.

 ID/DD With Organic Condition.
 A. Down syndrome.
 B. Autism.
 C. Epilepsy.
 D. Other organic condition related to ID/DD.
 ID/DD Without Organic Condition.
 E. ID/DD with no organic condition.
 No ID/DD.
 Z. None of the above.

DMH Resources

- ▶ The Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline is staffed by mental health professionals who can respond to your crisis 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.
- ▶ DMH webpage link: <https://dmh.mo.gov/programs.html>

COMRU Contact Information

- ▶ COMRU Telephone
573-522-3092
- ▶ COMRU Email Address
COMRU@health.mo.gov
- ▶ COMRU webpage
<https://health.mo.gov/seniors/nursinghomes/pasrr.php>