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Dear Director of Case Management/Social Services,

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are changing the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process to ensure compliance with federal regulations. The date of implementation for the redesigned PASRR program is May 24, 2013.

PASRR is a federally mandated program designed to ensure that all applicants to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility are evaluated for Mental Illness and/or Intellectual/Developmental Disability and are not inappropriately placed in nursing facilities for long-term care. The redesign also requires that the need for specific specialized services for these individuals be identified prior to admission to the nursing facility.

**Background:** In December of 2009, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Medicaid Director received notification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that Texas was not in compliance with federal PASRR requirements. As a result, the state's current PASRR process is being redesigned to achieve compliance. The PASRR redesign includes the following:

- Eliminates the role of nursing facilities in the Level II PASRR evaluation process.
- Requires specific specialized services to be identified before admission to the nursing facility.
- Establishes a clear process for resident review when individuals experience a significant change in their Minimum Data Set assessments.
- Hospital Case Managers/Discharge Planners will not be able to refer patients to nursing facilities without completion of the PASRR Level I screening form.
- Some nursing facilities will require notification of the appropriate Local Mental Health Authority or Local Authority prior to discharge from a hospital.

**Next Steps:** Targeted webinars will be offered for hospital case managers and discharge planners within the next few months. DADS and DSHS have developed websites to communicate PASRR redesign information. The DADS website is

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/pasarr/index.html>.

The DSHS website is <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/pasrr/>

To ensure you receive all relevant information about the redesign process, please send an email to Lisa Fallon at [lisa.fallon@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:lisa.fallon@dshs.state.tx.us). Please include the name, email address and phone

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number of the individual(s) responsible for implementation in your hospital. If you have any questions pertaining to the PASRR redesign, please visit the websites listed above for more information.

Sincerely,

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## **Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Redesign implementation date was May 24, 2013**

The PASRR redesign involves the role of the hospitals as “Referring Entities” for individuals seeking admission to any Medicaid Certified nursing facility.

An individual cannot be admitted to a Medicaid Certified nursing facility until the Referring Entity completes a screening.

The PASRR program is under the purview of the Department of Aging and Disability (DADS).

The PASRR program rules are in 40 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 17, effective May 24, 2013.

**Referring entity responsibilities and specific requirements relating to hospitals are found in 40 TAC §§17.301 - 17.303.**

[http://secure.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&pg=1&p\\_tac=&ti=40&pt=1&ch=17&rl=301](http://secure.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=40&pt=1&ch=17&rl=301)

The final rule has been posted in the May 17, 2013 issue of the Texas Register (Volume 38 Number 20, Pages 2921-3214).

### **Additional Resources for PASRR information and trainings:**

DSHS website for information related to PASRR – sign up for email updates as the DSHS website is updated.

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/pasrr/re/>

DADS –

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/pasarr/index.html>

Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP)

[http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/LTC/ltc\\_forms.aspx](http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/LTC/ltc_forms.aspx)

If you have questions related to the PASRR rule, please call the DADS representative at 1-855-435-7180 or [pasrr@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:pasrr@dads.state.tx.us) or [pasrr@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:pasrr@dshs.state.tx.us).