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To: Texas Hospital Association Members

From: Lauren Lacefield-Lewis, Unit Manager 
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Re: Preadmission Screening and Resident Review Redesign

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 anticipated date of implementation for the redesigned PASRR process is May 24, 2013.

Background

The PASRR program is designed to ensure that individuals are screened for mental illness, intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities (MI/IDD/DD) for every nursing facility admission, regardless of payment source.

PASRR is governed by federal and state regulations. In December of 2009, the Health and Human Services Commission received notification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that Texas is not compliant with federal PASRR requirements. Subsequently, the state's current PASRR process is being redesigned to achieve compliance. The new process will ensure the appropriateness of nursing facility admissions. It will ensure that individuals with MI/IDD/DD will receive the services necessary to meet their overall physical, mental, and psychosocial needs.

Key changes

The PASRR redesign will include the following:

- Eliminate the role of nursing facilities in the Level II evaluation process;
- Require specific specialized services to be identified before admission to the nursing facility; and
- Establish a clear process for resident review when individuals experience a significant change in their Minimum Data Set assessments.

Impact to hospitals

Hospital discharge planners will not be able to refer patients to nursing facilities without completion of the PASRR Level I screening form. Some nursing facility admissions will require notification of the appropriate local authority prior to discharge.

Implementation

DADS and DSHS are developing rules for the new PASRR program. The DADS rule will detail the requirements of the PASRR program and the responsibilities of referring entities, including licensed hospitals. Instead of duplicating this content, the DSHS rule that applies to licensed hospitals will refer to the DADS rule. The DADS rule for the new PASRR program will be found in 40 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 17. If you would like to review a draft of this rule, you may request a copy from Jamie White, Policy Analyst in the PASRR Unit at DADS. Her email address is jamie.white@dads.state.tx.us.

PASRR training is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2013. Details about training opportunities will be shared once the dates have been confirmed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lisa Fallon at (512) 467-5407 or Perry Young at (512) 467-5415. You may also submit an email to pasrr@dshs.state.tx.us.

We appreciate your participation and efforts to implement this process.

cc: Kathy Perkins, Department of State Health Services, Assistant Commissioner for
Regulatory Services