

Texas Department of State Health Services

PASRR: COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE

Big Changes Coming to PASRR—May 2013

Changes Coming:

Changes will affect all LMHAs

LMHAs must contract with DADS in order to receive payment for PASRR Evaluations

72 hour completion requirement for certain PASRR Evaluations

LMHA staff will be required to participate in IDT meetings for persons identified as needing specialized mental health services

LMHAs will continue to provide Specialized Mental Health Services for individuals needing these services

A number of training sessions will be scheduled in the Spring of 2013. LMHAs should plan to attend one of these trainings.

New reimbursement rates are being developed for certain PASRR activities.

The Texas Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process will undergo significant changes in 2013. In order to better comply with federal requirements governing the PASRR program, the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), in collaboration with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), will be making a number of significant changes to the PASRR program which are scheduled to take effect on May 24, 2013.

These changes will directly affect all Local Mental Health Authorities and other entities that are currently responsible for performing the Level II PASRR assessment for persons who may have a mental illness.

Under the new PASRR requirements, all LMHAs (or other PASRR evaluators in the NorthSTAR area) must contract directly with the Department of Aging and Disability Services in order to receive reimbursement for PASRR evaluation and administrative activities.

When the new PASRR requirements become effective, a person who is suspected of having a mental illness and who is not covered under the hospital discharge ex-

emption and who is not covered by a categorical exemption, can no longer be admitted to a Nursing Facility until the Level II Evaluation (now called PASRR Evaluation or PE) has been completed. This change means that the LMHA must act *very quickly* to respond to every request for a PE that is submitted. The new standard for response is that the pre-admission PEs must be completed face-to-face within 72 hours from the time that the request for the PE was received.

Changes to the PE will include criteria related to the need for Nursing Facility care. As part of each PE, the LMHA will now be responsible for collecting information relating to the medical necessity for each NF placement for PASRR positive individuals.

LMHAs will be required to attend the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meetings at the Nursing Facility when the IDT is developing the plan of care for individuals identified as needing specialized services. The LMHA will collaborate with the NF team and the individual to determine if the individual will receive specialized mental health services. The LMHA will be the provider of these specialized services.



The LMHAs will deliver the specialized mental health services in accordance with the plan of care.

The delivery of these services will be monitored independently by DADS or DSHS.

Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitative Services and Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services will continue to be billed to TMHP.

There will be a number of scheduled training opportunities relating to the PASRR changes coming in the spring of 2013. Please watch for future announcements regarding this training.

The Health and Human Services Commission will be announcing new reimbursement rates for PASRR-related activities within the next few months.