

Texas Department of State Health Services

PASRR: COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE

Changes Coming: The New PASRR Evaluation (PE)

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The name of the Level II Evaluation will be changed to "PASRR Evaluation" or "PE".

The PE will be both longer and more complex than the current Level II Evaluation.

The PE will include a section related to medical necessity for nursing facility placement.

Persons with a positive Level I assessment who are not in an exempted category or in an expedited admissions category cannot be admitted to a nursing facility without a completed PE.

The PE must be completed promptly. There will be a 72 hour completion requirement from the time a referring entity makes a request for the PE.

The data from the completed PE must be entered into the TMHP LTC online portal before payment can be released for the completion of the PE.

Training specific to the PE and the TMHP LTC online portal will be provided in the spring of 2013.

As was reported in the November 2012 issue, numerous changes are coming to the PASRR program in the near future—with an anticipated implementation date of May 24, 2013. One of the major changes will be a change to the PASRR Level II evaluation form (the new form will be referred to as the PASRR Evaluation or PE).

NEW FORM

Following the date of implementation the new PE form will be used for all PASRR evaluations. The new PE form is both longer and more complex than the existing Level II form and valutors should expect to spend more time completing the PE form than is currently spent completing of the current Level II form.

The new form will include a number of questions that target the issue of medical necessity for Nursing Facility (NF) placement. In order to complete the medical necessity portion of the form, evaluators may need to review existing medical records and/or interview staff from the referring entity in addition to conducting a patient interview.

NEW TIMELINE

The timeline for completing the PE is also accelerated. If a person is not in an exempted category or in an expedited admission category that automatically qualifies for admission (see below), that consumer cannot be admitted to an NF until such time as the PE is completed.

The groups that do not have to have a PE prior to admission include:

Persons admitted to the NF directly from a hospital after receiving acute inpatient care at the hospital and who require nursing facility services for the same condition for which the individual received care in the hospital; and for whom a physician has pre-certified that the person is likely to require less than 30 days of nursing facility services;

Certain persons who are not likely to benefit from specialized services such as persons who meet the criteria for one of the following categories: convalescent care, terminal illness, severe physical illness, delirium, emergency protective services, respite, or coma.

For all other persons with a positive Level I screening, the PASRR evaluations must be completed within 72 hours from the time that the request for the PE was received from the

referring entity.

For persons who are in the expedited admissions categories, the PE must be completed within 7 calendar days.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Failure to promptly conduct the PE can result in unnecessary costs to hospitals or other referring entities and can result in poor community relations with other community organizations.

Once the PE has been completed in the field, the information from the PE must be entered into the TMHP LTC online portal

Only after the PE data has been entered into the TMHP LTC online portal, the claim that was submitted for the PE completion will become payable in the automated system.

Specific training will be offered beginning in the spring of 2013 that addresses the completion of the PE as well as the TMHP LTC online portal, including data entry requirements.