

## **MAINE PREADMISSION SCREENING & RESIDENT REVIEW FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS FOR NURSING FACILITIES (PASRR MI/ORC)**

### **What is PASRR?**

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is a federal requirement designed to prevent inappropriate placement in nursing facilities of people with mental illness, mental retardation or other related conditions.

***Note: This notice only pertains to the PASRR process for mental illness and other related conditions.***

### **What are the PASRR requirements?**

- All persons seeking admission to a nursing facility must have a preadmission screening for possible mental illness or other related condition (Level I). If mental illness or other related conditions is suspected to be present, a determination for further evaluation (Level II) will be made.

- All persons who reside in a nursing facility are subject to a Change in Condition review. A substantial change in the condition of a resident's mental status would warrant the submission of an updated Level I Screen for PASRR MI (Change in Condition). A substantial change of a resident's functional limitations would warrant the submission of an updated Level I Screen for PASRR ORC (Change in Condition). This Change in Condition Screen is to be completed by the nursing facility.

- Persons may not be admitted to a nursing facility until the Level I Screen is completed and if necessary, until the Level II evaluation is completed.

### **Who completes the Level I Screen?**

- Hospital and nursing facility staff and occasionally case managers, assisted living or residential care staff are responsible for completing the Level I Screen. All Level I Screens (triggering for confirmed or possible MI or ORC) are faxed to APS Healthcare.

- Nursing facility staff is responsible for completing the Change in Condition while the consumer is residing at the nursing facility. All Change in Condition Level I Screens are faxed to APS Healthcare to determine if a Level II assessment is necessary or not.

### **What is being determined?**

Each referral must be evaluated to determine whether:

- A serious mental illness or other related condition exists,
- The appropriateness of nursing facility level of services for that person and,
- Specialized Services, if needed, beyond what the nursing facility can provide.

### **What happens when a PASRR MI or ORC Level II is deemed necessary by APS Healthcare?**

When a PASRR MI/ORC Level II request is deemed necessary (from the outcome of the Level I Screen or a Change in Condition), the clinical information needed for evaluation will be requested from the hospital and/or nursing facility. A patient rights letter and a patient consent form will be sent to the patient/resident and/or legal representative. Upon receipt of the requested information, APS Healthcare licensed care managers will review the documentation and medical records.

If there is not sufficient documentation to make a determination, APS Healthcare may ask for additional information via telephone or for further records. The results of the Level II evaluation, in the form of a determination letter, will be faxed to the hospital and/or nursing facility who must file the determination in the patient's/resident's medical and nursing facility record. A notice of the decision will also be sent to the patient/resident and his/her legal representative.

### **What are Specialized Services?**

Specialized Services are those services provided in addition to the routine care offered by a nursing facility and which require the continuous implementation of an individualized Plan of Care for mental illness or other related conditions. These services are part of the State MaineCare (Medicaid) Plan and are required at levels to avert or eliminate the need for acute inpatient psychiatric care or to ensure that the needs of those residents with a confirmed other related condition, are met. Some examples of Specialized Services include psychiatric consultation, evaluation and psychotropic medication management, individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, day treatment, case management services, day habilitation services, OT, PT and ST.

If Specialized Services are needed, APS Healthcare in collaboration with the hospital and/or nursing facility staff will develop a recommended individualized Plan of Care to specifically address the individual's mental health or other related condition needs. It is the nursing facility's responsibility for arranging and implementing the specified Plan of Care.

### **The Right to Request a Reconsideration and/or an Appeal of a Decision**

Any applicant or resident who is dissatisfied with the determination of the Level II evaluation can appeal the decision by requesting a reconsideration and/or an appeal hearing. The request can be made to APS Healthcare at the contact information below.

### **Who is APS Healthcare?**

APS Healthcare is one of the country's leading specialty healthcare companies and has been contracted by the State of Maine's Office of Adult Mental Health to conduct all PASRR screens and evaluations for mental illness and other related conditions. All Level I Screens with an outcome of confirmed or suspected mental illness or other related conditions, and all requests for Level II assessments are to be referred to APS Healthcare beginning July 1, 2009.

### **Contact Information**

To contact APS Healthcare, please use the following:

Phone 1-866-521-0027

FAX 1-866-325-4752, Attention: PASRR Coordinator

Email [mainecare-prov@apshealthcare.com](mailto:mainecare-prov@apshealthcare.com)

Website [www.qualitycareforme.com](http://www.qualitycareforme.com) (for provider updates & forms)

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