



TEXAS & NEW MEXICO HOSPICE ORGANIZATION

FAQ Update: Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

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The following acronyms are used in the FAQ:

- CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
- HHSC – Health and Human Services Commission
- IDD - Intellectual or Developmental Disability
- IDT – Interdisciplinary Team
- LA – Local Authorities (includes all LIDDAs, LMHAs and LBHAs)
- LAR – Legally Authorized Representative
- LIDDA – Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority
- LBHA – Local Behavioral Health Authority
- LMHA – Local Mental Health Authority
- MI – Mental Illness
- NF – Nursing Facility
- PASRR – Preadmission Screening and Resident Review
- PE – PASRR Evaluation
- PL1 – Preadmission Level 1 Screening form
- RE – Referring Entity
- TAC – Texas Administrative Code
- TMHP – Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership
- TNMHPO – Texas and New Mexico Hospice & Palliative Care Organization

Question: What does PASRR mean?

Answer: PASRR stands for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review.

Question: What is the purpose of PASRR?

Answer: PASRR has three goals:

- To identify individuals with Mental Illness (MI) and/or Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD).
- To ensure appropriate placement, whether in the community or in a nursing facility (NF).
- To ensure individuals receive the needed services for their MI and/or IDD.

Question: Who does the PASRR apply to?

Answer: PASRR is a federally mandated program that applies to all individuals seeking admission into a Medicaid-certified NF, regardless of age or what entity is paying for the NF care.

Questions: What are specialized services?

Answer: Specialized services are for those who have been determined to be PASRR positive for MI or IDD.

Habilitative support services are provided to those who are PASRR positive for IDD residing in the NF. NF Specialized Services are also for those who are PASRR positive for IDD and can be physical, occupational and/or speech therapy, and customized adaptive aids. Additional services are available to people with IDD. They are: assistance in accessing appropriate services and supports to achieve a quality of life and community participation, which can include alternate placement out of the NF and behavioral support services, day habilitation, employment assistance, independent living skills training, and supported employment.

Specialized Services for those who have been determined to be PASRR positive for MI include but not limited to: crisis intervention services, medication training and support services, psychiatric diagnostic interview examination, psychosocial rehabilitation services, routine case management, and skills training and development. The specialized services are in addition to what the NF is required to provide to the individual.

Question: Who provides the specialized services?

Answer: LIDDAs and NFs provide the IDD PASRR specialized services and LMHA/LBHAs provide the MI PASRR specialized services to those who have been determined to be PASRR positive for IDD or MI.

Question: What is a Level 1 screening (PL1)?

Answer: A PL1 Screening form is completed for all persons seeking admission to a Medicaid-certified NF to identify whether a person is suspected of having MI and/or IDD. If the PL1 Screening form identifies a person suspected of having MI and/or IDD, then a PASRR Evaluation (PE) is completed to confirm or deny this suspicion.

Question: Does this include hospice recipients?

Answer: Yes, this includes hospice recipients.

Question: Who completes the PL1 Screening form?

Answer: A referring entity (RE) completes the PL1 Screening form. The RE is an entity that refers an individual to a Medicaid-certified NF, such as: hospitals, physicians, the individual seeking admission, family members/LARs, a hospice provider, law enforcement, etc. The PL1 Screening form is completed for all persons seeking admission to a Medicaid-certified NF.

Question: Why does the hospice provider have to complete the PL1 Screening form for respite and general inpatient care when the stay is short term?

Answer: The federal government mandated that everyone seeking admission to a Medicaid-certified NF must have this screening regardless of the admission type.

Question: Respite and general inpatient care are short, and many people go into the NF over and over. The assessment is extremely long! Do we have to complete the PL1 every time a recipient needs to go to the NF?

Answer: Yes, every time the hospice recipient goes into the NF for either one of these services, the hospice provider must complete the PL1 Screening form.

Question: Where can the hospice provider access the PL1 Screening form?

Answer: You can access the PL1 Screening form and the Detailed Item by Item Guide for completing the PL1 Screening form at: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/long-term-care-provider-resources/preadmission-screening-resident-review-pasrr/pasrr-forms-instructions>. Everyone uses the same form. HHSC's staff advised TNMHPO that many RE's who complete the form are not doing it correctly. Many RE's are filling in the form without reading the instructions. This is where "we" are making the mistake. HHSC encourages all RE's to follow or double check the instructions to ensure the PL1 is filled out correctly. Incorrect forms delay admissions.

Question: If a hospice recipient or the family wants to seek admission into the NF, and asks us to help complete the PL1 Screening form, can we complete the form for them?

Answer: There is no rule that says the hospice provider cannot assist the family in completing the PL1 Screening form.

Question: Hospice admissions for respite and inpatient care can be last minute. How can we ensure a fast admission into the NF?

Answer: When the Hospice RE completes the PL1 Screening form for a person coming from home to the NF for Respite only, they would select Expedited admission in Section F of the PL1 Screening form and 6 Respite. The PL1 Screening form would then go with the person to the NF without having to follow the Preadmission process. Short-term respite care is the only reason that a person coming from home would not have to follow the Preadmission process.

Question: What is an expedited admission process?

Answer: Expedited Admission is a type of PASRR admission process for those coming from an acute care hospital or another nursing facility with a positive PL1 Screening unless the person is coming to the NF for respite care. There are 7 expedited admission categories. When the Hospice RE completes a PL1 Screening form for someone with a positive PL1 Screening who is only going to the NF for a brief respite care stay, they would select this category in F0200. This is the only category of the Expedited Admission process hospice providers can use. If the person is not going to the NF for respite care, then the Hospice RE must follow the Preadmission process for all other positive PL1 admissions.

Question: If the hospice recipient has MI or IDD, what do I do with the PL1 Screening form?

Answer: If the person has a positive screening for MI, ID or DD and they are being admitted to the NF for respite, a copy of the PL1 goes to the NF with the person upon admission. Positive PL1s that are not for respite care must follow the preadmission process and the PL1 Screening form is faxed to the LA.

Question: What is the preadmission process?

Answer: The hospice provider would use the preadmission admission type for recipients coming from the community (home, group home, assisted living, etc. somewhere other than an acute care hospital or other NF) who are seeking permanent admission into the NF. If the hospice recipient's PL1 Screening form shows a suspicion of MI or IDD, the hospice provider will fax a copy of the positive PL1 to the LA. The LA must then complete a PE. If the PE is positive, the person must pass medical necessity and the NF must confirm they can serve this person before this person can be admitted to the NF. The LA has 7 days to complete the PE from the date they receive the PL1 screening form via fax.

Question: Where do I find the LA's contact information for a preadmission?

Answer: The listing for LA's is found at: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/long-term-care-provider-resources/preadmission-screening-resident-review-pasrr/pasrr-resources>.

Question: Does the hospice provider get paid to complete the screening?

Answer: No, REs, including hospice provider REs, are not paid for completing the PL1 Screening form.

Question: There are two rules that seem to conflict; §303.202 addresses the expedited process and §303.301 addresses the RE responsibilities. The expedited process says the RE completes the PL1 and enters the assessment into the TMHP portal. The rule about RE responsibilities says the RE makes copies of the assessment and provides a copy to the NF and if necessary, the LA. Which process do we follow?

Answer: §303.202 addresses the expedited admission process for local authorities. §303.301 addresses the RE responsibilities for an expedited admission. Hospice providers should follow §303.301 for respite and §303.201 for preadmissions. HHSC has advised that hospice providers do **NOT** data enter the PL1 into the TMHP portal. The NF and LA will handle the data entry.

Question: Once the hospice provider has completed the PL1 Screening form and given it to the NF or LA, what happens next?

Answer: If the PL1 Screening form is negative, the person is admitted and the PASRR process ends. If the PL1 Screening form is positive, the NF or LA enters the PL1 Screening form into the LTC Online Portal and a PE is completed to confirm or deny the suspicion of IDD or MI. If the PE is positive, then an IDT meeting is held. The IDT will determine if the resident benefits from the recommended specialized services, taking into consideration the resident's medical condition. If all members of the IDT agree the resident will benefit from specialized services, then it will determine which specialized services the resident will receive.

Question: Why is the PE required before the hospice recipient can be admitted to the NF in the preadmission process?

Answer: TMHP LTC Online Portal uses the information on the positive PE to determine whether the person meets the NF level of care (medical necessity). HHSC does not expect to see a problem for a hospice recipient meeting MN, but there are always outliers.

The additional responsibilities that the NF and LA are required to do won't involve the hospice provider.

When a person on hospice, who is permanently residing in the NF, has a positive PE for MI or IDD, the NF must invite the hospice provider to the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meeting. If this does occur, you will want to participate in the IDT meetings at the NF since you are responsible for everything related to the terminal illness. (See Information Letter 19-03 Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Nursing Facility Specialized Services and the Election of Hospice Services:

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/providers/communications/2019/letters/IL2019-03.pdf>.

Question: Will there be any training?

Answer: You can access PASRR for RE's at: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/long-term-care-provider-resources/preadmission-screening-resident-review-pasrr/pasrr-training>.

Question: Where is the PASRR website?

Answer: For more about PASRR and RE Responsibilities in regards to PASRR, go to the PASRR website at: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/long-term-care-providers/long-term-care-provider-resources/preadmission-screening-resident-review-pasrr>.

Question: What rules apply?

Answer: The PASRR rules are as follows:

- 26 TAC 303 Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) at: https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?chapter=303&interface=VIEW_TAC&part=1&title=26.
- 26 TAC 554 Subchapter BB Nursing Facility Responsibilities Related to Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) at: https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?chapter=554&interface=VIEW_TAC&part=1&subchapter=BB&title=26.

- 42 CFR 483 Requirements for States and Long-Term Care Facilities, Subpart C Preadmission Screening and Annual Review of Mentally Ill and Mentally Retarded Individuals at:
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-483>.