

Introducing the New Automated  
Level 1 PASRR Submission Form

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## Agenda

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Background

## Project Objectives

1. Streamline/automate the PASRR processes.
2. Eliminate the need to fax or mail the Level I form.
3. Reduce the time it takes to issue a Level II Determination.
4. Bring California's PASRR processes into federal compliance for timeliness.

PASRR

(Section 1919(e)(7) of the Social Security Act and Chapter 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, §483.100 through 483.138)

The Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is federally mandated for all individuals entering a skilled nursing facility.

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## PASRR Required Processes

### 1. Level I (Mental Illness Screening): Completed at Facility

- A Level I PASRR Screening is required for every individual entering a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

### 2. Level II (Evaluation): Completed by DHCS' Contractor – APS Healthcare

- If there is a positive indication of significant mental illness, PASRR is federally mandated to have a third party entity perform a PASRR Level II evaluation to assess and gather data on individuals in Medicaid certified nursing facilities in California that are suspected of or diagnosed with a mental illness.
- As a requirement of the Nursing Home Reform Act included in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, the State has contracted with a public or private organization to perform the Level II evaluations since 1989.

### 3. Determination Letter: Completed by DHCS Clinical Staff

- After the Level II evaluation is completed by the contractor, the PASRR Clinical Evaluation Unit made up of Consulting Psychologists reviews each Level II evaluation and makes determinations and recommendations regarding appropriate placement and treatment for the individual.

- A determinations letter is then written and issued to the facility that includes the treatment and placement recommendations for the individual.

## Role of DHCS PASSR Section

1. Receipt and review of Level I PASRR screens for positive significant mental illness.
2. Oversight of external contractor performing the Level II evaluations.
3. Review Level II evaluations for determination of appropriateness of placement and treatment recommendations.
4. Issue a Level II Determination Letter.
5. Provide ongoing training and technical assistance to stakeholders, e.g., Skilled Nursing Facilities and eventually General Acute Care Hospitals (GACHs).
6. Participate in various committees and work groups related to PASRR oversight activities for the state.

## Evaluator Role: APS Healthcare

1. APS Healthcare is the third party entity under contract with DHCS to perform Level II evaluations.

2. When an evaluation for mental illness is required, APS Healthcare will contact your facility to coordinate a visit.

- Visit your facility.

- Conduct an in-person evaluation.

- Submit the Level II evaluations results to DHCS.

The New Automated Level

1 PASRR Submission Form

## Why Automate The Level 1 Form?

Eliminate costs and workload to fax and mail the Level I forms.

Provide timely information to facilities to improve resident care.

California becomes in compliance for issuing Level II Determination Letters within the Federally mandated 7 to 9 days.

## Benefits of the New System

1. Level I form is electronically submitted to DHCS through the Internet. No more faxing or mailing!
2. Contains built-in business logic that reduces data entry.
3. Expedites the Level II evaluation process by the contractor.
4. 24x7 online Level I and II status tracking.
5. Determination letters are available on-line.

## The Screening Process

1. Nursing Facilities are federally mandated to complete a PASRR on anyone who enters a skilled nursing facility.

- The new PASRR system will through an automated questionnaire will help screen whether a Level II evaluation is required.

- The new PASRR system will create an on-line printable 6170 form.

- Depending on the answers to the system questions, the new PASRR system will automatically create an on-line:

- “Need” letter

- “No Need” letter

- Existing determination letters are available in the new PASRR system when “no change in condition” is established.

- If a Level II evaluation is required, an evaluator will contact the facility to schedule a visit.

- If a resident’s status changes, a re-evaluation is possible at any time.



The New PASRR Web-Based  
Screening System

Automated PASRR Level 1

Enter

Resident

Information

## Automated PASRR Level 1

Enter

previously

documented

information

on Mental

Illness

## Automated PASRR Features

Business rules are built  
in to guide the user.

This notice appears when the  
assessment is complete. A  
letter of “No Need” is created.

Level I screenings  
are available on  
line.

“In Progress” Level I  
is auto-saved and can  
be accessed later.

Stop no L II.png

Case status.png

## PASRR Printed Form

Level I –

6170 System

Generated

Form

- Available as a

PDF

- Can be

printed

Preparing for the Automated  
PASRR

## Preparing for Automated PASRR

### Technical Preparation:

- Do you have a computer that can access the Internet in your facility?
- Check to see if you can access the DHCS' PASRR homepage:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/mh/Pages/PASRR.aspx>

- Can you print from your computer?

### Organizational Preparation

- Decide who will require user accounts in your facility.

### Accessing the New PASRR IT System

- DHCS will notify the facilities in January 2015 on how to access the new PASRR system and assist them with setting up facility accounts for their users.

### Training

- DHCS will provide training via WebEx starting December 17 and ongoing as required and requested by the facilities.

Want to know more...

Ask us!

•For more information about the new PASRR system and important dates,  
logon to the following site:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/PASRRIT.aspx>

•For help, call the dedicated phone line at 916-650-6945 or you can email  
your questions to [mhpasrr@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:mhpasrr@dhcs.ca.gov).

