Policy Transmittal
Developmental Disabilities Services

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):
- [ ] New policy
- [ ] Policy change
- [ ] Policy clarification
- [ ] Executive letter
- [ ] Administrative Rule
- [ ] Manual update
- [x] Other: Temporary Policy Suspension

Due date:

Applies to (check all that apply):
- [ ] All DHS employees
- [x] Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B
- [x] Aging and People with Disabilities
- [ ] Self Sufficiency Programs
- [x] County DD program managers
- [x] Support Service Brokerage Directors
- [x] ODDS Children’s Residential Services
- [ ] Child Welfare Programs
- [ ] County Mental Health Directors
- [ ] Health Services
- [x] Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- [x] ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
- [ ] Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
- [x] Other (please specify): Nursing Facilities

Policy/rule title:
Temporary policy changes to Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process for DD assessments during COVID-19 pandemic.

Policy/rule number(s):
411-070-0043

Release number:
v1

Effective date:
Immediately

Expiration date:

References:

Web address:

Discussion/interpretation:
This policy guidance is to inform those who are involved in the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program of temporary policy changes related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Under federal policy the PASRR program requires individuals entering nursing facilities (NF) who have been identified as having
an intellectual or developmental disability to have a PASRR Level II or Resident Review under certain conditions. This policy is currently being suspended under CMS (Centers for Medicaid Services) approval.

**Implementation/transition instructions:**

Nursing Facilities:

For individuals identified as meeting criteria for needing an IDD PASRR assessment, NFs can anticipate a delayed assessment. While this policy suspends all assessments being completed for the next 30 days, NF’s are still expected to notify DHS of any admissions that come into the NFs during this policy suspension. DHS has also instituted a visitor restriction policy for NF’s and other long term care settings that limits visitors to only essential individuals. For more details on this see the link below.


NF’s should continue to make referrals to the PASRR-II Coordinator in anticipation of the emergency policy being lifted. In doing so, the PASRR-II Coordinator will be able to resume PASRR Level II and Resident Review operations and be able to deliver assessments in a timely manner as soon as the restriction of visitors in NFs are lifted.

NF’s should submit the following information to the PASRR-II Coordinator at the contact email below.

- Face-sheet
- History & Physical
- PASRR Level I (if available)
- Nursing Care Plan
- Any Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Speech Therapy notes and evaluations

**Local/branch action required:**

For APD/AAA Case Managers and Transition Coordinators:

Case managers must continue to process all requests for NF level of care without an IDD PASRR-II completed. Case managers must contact the PASRR-II Coordinator to notify the PASRR-II Coordinator if any individuals with IDD needs to discharge to a NF, but in accordance with the suspended policy, case managers may not deny discharge to a NF for not having an IDD PASRR-II assessment completed. If the Case Manager or Transition Coordinator have concerns about discharge and the NF’s ability to meet the individuals IDD needs, reach out to the PASRR-II Coordinator for assistance. This
policy change will be in effect until written communication is issued revoking it.

**Central office action required:**

The PASRR-II Coordinator will conduct assessments as soon as the temporary policy suspension is lifted. NF’s are also encouraged to reach out for technical assistance around supporting individuals with IDD who are admitted.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  ☐ Yes  ☒ No

If yes, reviewed by:

**Filing instructions:**

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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