

State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services

Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review Frequently Asked Questions (PASRR FAQs)

1. Is a nursing home the only type of a facility that requires a PASRR to be completed prior to admission?

Yes. PASRR is required to be completed prior to admission to a Medicaid Certified Nursing facility regardless of the funding source. It is *not required* for admission to Assisted Living Facility, Fully private pay nursing facility, transitional Care Units in a Hospital, or New Jersey Veteran Homes.

2. Who can complete the PASRR Level I Screen?

The minimum credentials to complete the PASRR Level I are one of the following:

- a) Social Worker (Certified, Licensed, Masters Level)
- b) Registered Nurse (APN, RN, MSN)
- c) Physicians and Physician Assistant

3. What is the name of the PASRR level I tool and where can it be found?

The PASRR level I Screening Tool (LTC-26) is the tool used in New Jersey and is available on the state's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/forms.html>.

4. Who completes the LTC-29 form and when?

The LTC-29 is the notification letter to the individual that a screening requires further evaluation before admission to a Medicaid certified NF. The LTC-29 is completed as a result of any positive level I screen. The screener must issue a written notice (LTC-29) to the individual, or his or her legal representative, that a Level II Evaluation for Mental Illness and/or Intellectual Disability is being referred to the DMHAS and/or DDD. This form can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/forms.html>.

5. Can the PASRR be completed after the person is admitted to the nursing facility?

No. PASRR is required to be completed prior to Nursing Facility placement regardless of funding source for all new admissions. A Level II full evaluation may be deferred by the Level II authority in certain circumstances. The Level II authority must be contacted for a categorical determination prior to admission to a NF.

6. Do all Positive level I screens have to be referred to the PASRR level II authority?

Yes. All positive level I screens must be referred to the applicable level II authority (Division of Developmental Disabilities or the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services as applicable) for an evaluation and determination to determine the need for specialized services and the most appropriate setting to receive those services.

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7. If a level I screen is positive for both Mental Illness and for Intellectual Disability, does the Level I screen get referred to both Level II authorities?

Yes. If an individual screens positive for both Mental Illness and an Intellectual disability, the Level I screen is referred to both the DMHAS and DDD for an evaluation and determination. Both determinations must be received prior to admission to the Nursing facility.

8. Are nursing facilities responsible to complete the PASRR process on all 30 Day Exempted Hospital Discharge if the person has not been discharged by the 30th day?

Yes. It is the responsibility of the nursing facility to complete the PASRR process for all 30 Day Exempted Hospital Discharges who have not been discharged by the 30th day. This must be completed prior to day 40 by forwarding the PASRR to the applicable Level II authority.

9. Is the psychiatric evaluation form for positive level I screen for Mental Illness the final determination?

No. The Psychiatric Evaluation form is not the final determination of a positive level I screen for Mental illness. This form is to be completed by an independent psychiatrist or nurse practitioner and forwarded to the Division of Mental Health and Addictions Services (DMHAS) for the final determination. DMHAS will issue a determination letter.

10. Can New Jersey nursing facilities accept out of state PASRR for out of state admissions?

Yes. It is the responsibility of the NJ nursing facility to ensure that a PASRR has been completed prior to admission to the facility. The NF must secure the sending state or NJ PASRR screen prior to admission. If the sending state or NJ PASRR is positive, it must be sent to the NJ Level II authority and a determination issued prior to NF admission.