



COMMISSIONER  
Jon Weizenbaum

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To: Nursing Facility Administrators, Minimum Data Set (MDS) Coordinators and Directors of Nursing

Subject: Information Letter No. 13-08

Re: Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Process Changing

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) wants to remind you that the PASRR process, as it exists today, will be changing this year. These changes will directly affect all nursing facilities' admission processes. The date of implementation for the PASRR redesign is May 24, 2013.

With PASRR Level I screening which indicates an individual has a mental illness, intellectual disability or developmental disability (related condition) and is not covered under an expedited admission category or exempted hospital discharge, the individual can no longer be admitted to a nursing facility until the PASRR Level II Evaluation (PE) has been completed by the local authority. The local authority will use the medical record to complete the PE.

The PE must be completed face-to-face, within 72 hours from the time that the request for the PE was received, in order for an individual to be admitted to a nursing facility under the pre-admission process.

The PE includes a section that will be used by the Texas Medicaid Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) to determine medical necessity for the individual.

### **Nursing Facility Responsibilities**

Examples of activities the nursing facility will be responsible for include:

- completing the PASRR Level I screening if they are the referring entity for new admissions;
- notifying the local authority of individuals who require a PE;
- checking the Long Term Care (LTC) Portal for completed PEs to determine if their facility can provide the services the individual will require; and
- convening an Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meeting that includes collaboration with the local authority to develop the individual's comprehensive care plan.

### **Training Opportunities**

The following dates and cities have been selected for training on the PASRR redesign:

- May 1, 2013                      Austin, TX
- May 2, 2013                      Houston, TX
- May 3, 2013                      Corpus Christi, TX
- May 7, 2013                      Dallas, TX
- May 9, 2013                      Lubbock, TX

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DADS will notify providers of the registration process when the times and conference rooms have been confirmed.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the PASRR Unit by phone at (855) 435-7180 or by e-mail at [pasrr@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:pasrr@dads.state.tx.us) or visit <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/pasarr/redesign/index.html> for additional information regarding the PASRR re-design process.

Sincerely,

*[Signature on file]*

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