

PASRR COVID-19 Emergency Suspension Job Aid

PASRR suspension is effective during Idaho's Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 starting April 7, 2020 until emergency declarations are lifted.

Purpose

This document outlines the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) requirements for nursing facilities during the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

1135 Waiver Approval

Idaho submitted and received federal approval to waive PASRR Level I and Level II requirements for 30 calendar days after an individual admits to a nursing facility. After 30 days, the admitting individual is subject to a resident review, which includes a full PASRR screening and evaluation. The waiver approval allows nursing facilities to admit individuals **without** a Level I screening and, if applicable, Level II evaluation. The nursing facility is responsible for submitting the Level I screening to the regional Bureau of Long Term Care (BLTC) office to initiate the resident review. Failure to submit the Level 1 screen within 30 days of admission may result in claims for services being denied.

Nursing Facility Requirements

- Nursing facilities do not need a PASRR for individuals upon admission to the facility.
- Negative Level I screenings **do not** need to be submitted to the regional BLTC office but must be completed within 30 days of admission.
- Positive Level I screenings **must** be submitted to the regional BLTC office within 30 days of admission.

See examples listed below.

Individual A

Admission Date: **4/10/2020** PASRR Submission Date: **5/10/2020**

The Level I was submitted on the 30th day. This provider is in compliance.

Individual B

Admission Date: **4/10/2020** PASRR Submission Date: **4/30/2020**

The Level I was submitted on the 20th day. This provider is in compliance.

Individual C

Admission Date: **4/10/2020**

PASRR Submission Date: **5/11/2020**

The Level I was submitted on the 31st day. This provider is out of compliance.

Failure to complete or submit the Level I within 30 days of admission may result in denial or recoupment of claims for noneligible bed days.

Level I Signatures

For the purposes of this emergency suspension, the Level I screens may be signed by either the physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, registered nurse or social worker employed by either the nursing facility or the individual's primary care provider. Both positive and negative Level I screenings must be **signed by both** the screener (one of the professionals listed previously) and the individual or authorized representative. Nursing facilities may use alternative signature formats, according their organization's policies, for resident and legal representative signatures.

Submitting Level I Screenings

Submission of the Level I screenings is the responsibility of the nursing facility. Completed Level I Screens must be submitted via fax to the regional BLTC office in which the nursing facility resides. For ease of processing, please submit information as **one resident per fax submission**. Nursing facilities are encouraged to keep fax confirmation sheets for each PASRR submission within the residents' records as proof of submission. Please do not immediately contact the regional BLTC office to confirm if the Level I screening was received. While Level I screenings are submitted later it does not reduce the number of PASRR evaluations required by the state. The state will evaluate each PASRR as quickly as possible and nursing facilities are encouraged to follow up on PASRR one week after submission if a response is not received. Each Level I screening fax must contain the following for the state to complete the PASRR evaluation:

- Cover sheet with name and contact information of a nursing facility representative
- Complete and accurate Level I screening with signatures
- Nursing facility admission order with prognosis
- Current medication list
- History and physical or comprehensive assessment
- Progress notes containing relevant information to either mental illness or developmental disability

Please review the Level I screening submission for completeness and accuracy prior to submission to the regional BLTC office.

Long Term Care Case File Submission in DXC Provider Portal

Long term care case files are still required and should continue to follow the process outlined in the [DXC LTC User Guide](#), however the PASRR **does not** need to be included.

Transfers and Discharges within 30 Day Period

Nursing facilities are not required to complete a Level I screening for individuals who discharge, pass away or transfer to another facility within 30 days of admission to the nursing facility. The receiving nursing facility of a transfer must complete the Level I screening within 30 days of admission.

Significant Changes

Nursing facilities are still required to submit an updated Level I screening for any significant changes in condition for an individual. Significant changes are:

- any medication changes from those listed on the Level I to a different drug class, such as antidepressants to an anxiolytic
- a dosage increase of double or more of medication(s) listed on previous Level I
- a decline in condition (such as the onset or progression of dementia) that indicates specialized services are no longer beneficial for the individual
- an improvement in condition that indicates the individual may benefit from specialized services
- a new mental health or developmental/intellectual disability diagnosis

Specialized Services

It is anticipated that specialized services for individuals will be disrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nursing facilities should indicate any changes of specialized services, whether the change is in the modality of delivery such as telehealth, or the service is on hold. These specialized services should resume as soon as resources are available and safety measures allow. Specialized service recommendations that are not able to start during the emergency declarations should begin as soon as resources are available and safety measures allow.

Additional Information

[Idaho Covid-19 Website](#)

[Information Release Link](#)

[Medicaid PASRR Website](#)

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