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RE: DAL NH 18-06
SCREEN and Pre-Admission Screening
and Resident Review (PASARR)

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The purpose of this communication is to reinforce key provisions of the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASARR) assessment process. ***Please distribute this letter to staff involved with Admissions, Discharge Planning, and PASARR process.***

PASARR is a federally-mandated process that requires all individuals seeking nursing home admission, be screened for possible serious mental illness (SMI) or intellectual disabilities/developmental disabilities (ID/DD) and related condition (RC). This initial pre-screening is referred to as a PASARR Level I and is completed prior to admission to a nursing home. A negative Level I screen permits admission to proceed and ends the PASARR process. A positive Level I screen, the applicant is identified with known or suspected SMI, ID/DD or RC, necessitates an in-depth evaluation of the individual by the state designated authority, known as a PASARR Level II which must be conducted prior to admission to a nursing home.

Federal PASARR regulations require that persons with known or suspected SMI, ID/DD, or a RC not be admitted to nursing homes until an assessment is completed, community alternatives are explored, and person-centered services are recommended to meet the individual's PASARR-related needs. However, there are exemptions to this requirement under certain circumstances; known as categorical determinations, which are made in advance of an admission. There are specific guidelines for both individuals not identified by PASARR as having SMI, DD/ID or RC and for individuals previously identified by PASARR as having SMI, DD/ID or RC, regarding a significant change in physical or mental condition.

Please see attached guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Attachment