

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy
& Financing (HCPF)



What is PASRR?

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is a federally required process which applies to everyone seeking admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility, even if Medicaid will not be used. The PASRR screen, called Level I, identifies people with signs of serious mental illness (SMI), an intellectual disability (ID), or related condition (RC). People with signs of those conditions will be referred for a specialized mental health and/or ID/RC assessment called a Level II PASRR evaluation. This evaluation will be conducted by a qualified professional and includes interviews with the person, legal guardian if applicable, caregivers and a review of available or required healthcare records.

The purpose of a PASRR Level II assessment is to provide in-depth review of the person's needs to determine if a PASRR condition is present. If so, the appropriateness of the nursing facility setting is also evaluated along with the person's need for specialized (disability-specific) services. Maximus will generate outcome notices based on the Level I screening and clinical review outcomes, including when an individual may require a Level II assessment.

PASRR is required under Title 42 CFR, Section 483 Subpart C of federal regulations and helps states comply with the Supreme Court decision, *Olmstead vs L.C.* (1999), under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

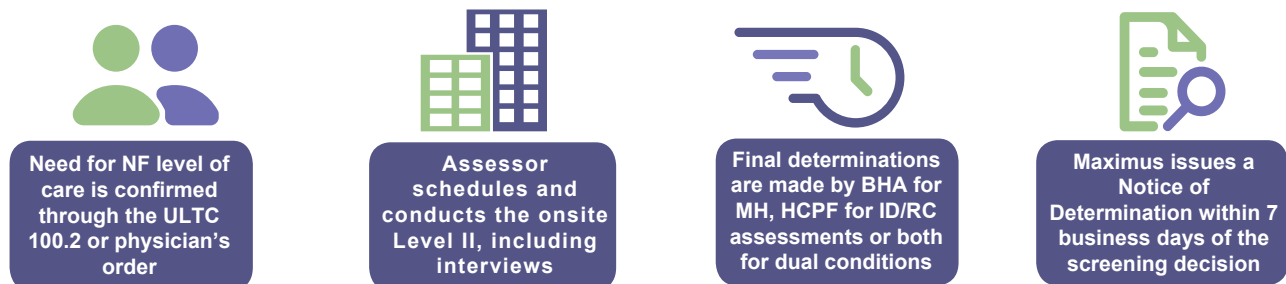
All individuals seeking admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility must have a preadmission screening, referred to as Level I, and possibly a preadmission assessment, referred to as a Level II evaluation. For current Medicaid Members, the Level I should be submitted by the Case Management Agency. For non-Medicaid Members, the screen submitter depends on the person's location. Hospitals will submit for those currently in a hospital setting and the nursing facility will submit for those coming from the community. Screening outcomes will be reported as part of the Notice of Determination (NOD).

Level I NODs will be available within 6 business hours (or less) from receipt of a complete screen and will include whether criteria is met for a provisional admission, such as an exempted hospital discharge or a State approved categorical. When a Level II assessment is needed, Maximus will assign the referral to an assessor, conduct the assessment, and provide the information to HCPF or BHA for final determination approval. Level II NODs will be available within AssessmentPro within 7 business days (or less) from the Level I decision for results to be shared with the individual, any legal guardian, and the admitting facility, if known.

Level I information needed to establish a potential PASRR condition



Information needed by Maximus when a preadmission Level II assessment is required



Support: Contact Maximus with Referral Questions

Screening referrals must be submitted electronically at www.assessmentpro.com. Beginning June 23, 2025, please direct all questions to the CO PASRR Program, via Maximus at COPASRR@maximus.com or at 833.588.7787.