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### **Division of Aging PASRR Update**

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After our first two months in the AssessmentPro system, we have all settled in pretty well. Thank you all for your cooperation and patience through this implementation process. We appreciate the collaborative spirit in which you have all worked. Please continue to monitor all Ascend communications as well as the Division of Aging's (DA) newsletters to stay in the loop on the latest updates and changes, and how they will potentially affect your process. Remember, the PASRR procedure manual, FAQs document, and training materials continue to be updated to reflect changes/clarifications made regarding the process.

- Be sure to enter admission and discharge dates in PathTracker accurately and timely. DA staff enter this information in the Medicaid system to enable payments to nursing facilities. Allow up to three weeks currently for this entry to happen.
- When an individual moves from one facility to another, the discharging facility must enter the discharge date in PathTracker first so that the admitting facility can enter their admit date. Note that a Level of Care (LOC) assessment is not required upon transfer unless there has been a significant change in the individual's condition.
- Please note we have responded to comments from many of you and changed the requirements for the completion of LOC when admitting a Medicaid individual. LOC is only required prior to admission if the individual's stay is going to be covered by Medicaid from the time of admission. If not, no LOC is needed. The LOC can be completed later if Medicaid is needed for payment. So, LOC is required pre-admission for individuals triggering a Level II and for those admitting for a Medicaid covered stay. In addition LOC is required when there is a significant change in the individual's condition, when the individual is converting to Medicaid as the payor, and when there is a request for a continued stay.
- Carefully read 4Bs issued in May and June 2016 to verify whether you need to submit a LOC now in AssessmentPro. |
- To avoid slowdown in the reimbursement process, nursing facilities should make sure their LPI numbers (Medicaid provider number) are listed correctly in AssessmentPro. We have found many nursing facilities list their NPI numbers rather than LPI numbers.



- Please note that individuals or their guardians may appeal level of care decisions but not facilities. Individuals can appeal short term approvals but it might make sense to wait until closer to end of the approval period and then see if there is a reevaluation needed for a continued stay.

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to the PASRR redesign process and know that we truly appreciate all you do. Please stay tuned for further updates as they become available!