



Subject: Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

Date: September 2, 2021

Dear Stakeholders:

This is to acknowledge the increase in referrals for further evaluation of individuals diagnosed with mental illness who are seeking to continue residing in or to be admitted into Medicaid-certified nursing facilities (NF). We have concluded that the increase in the PASRR Screen sensitivity, is related to submitters answering yes or unknown to question E2 and/or question E6 when completing the PASRR application (ODM Form 03622). To correct this unintended increase, we will be working with our partners at other state agencies and with the staff at Ascend to undertake the following action.

- Ascend has begun to review all applications that have been received since the implementation of the HENS 3.0 system to identify all cases that were referred for further evaluation because of questions E2 and/or E6
- These cases are being queued to the state to allow a PASRR reviewer to rule them out from further evaluation, thus allowing the individuals to either continue residing in or to be admitted into a NF
- We will submit a formal request to the HENS 3.0 project programmers to eliminate questions two and six as primary triggers for SMI, under section E of ODM Form 3622. *The questions will be retained as a part of section E to collect information that will be pertinent to identifying the needs of those individuals who are targeted by PASRR requirements, but will no longer count to trigger PASRR evaluations*
- Until such time that the requested programming change is affected, we will continue to expeditiously rule-out any cases that were referred for further evaluation as a result of the submitter answering yes or unknown to question E2 and/or question E6 under section E of ODM Form 03622
- Lastly, the guidance provided at the end of section E of ODM Form 3622 will be revised to read: ***If the individual answered YES OR Unknown to ATLEAST two (2) questions of E(1) or E(3) through E(5) OR is currently admitted in an inpatient psychiatric unit then the individual has indications of Serious Mental Illness (SMI).***

With this we express our sincere apology for any inconvenience caused by changes that were made to the algorithm of section E of ODM Form 03622. Thank you for your ongoing advocacy for individuals diagnosed with mental illness.

Respectfully,

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