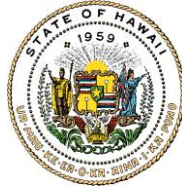


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MEMORANDUM

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TO: QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans
Acute Care Hospitals, Nursing Facilities,
Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)

FROM: Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD 
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SUBJECT: PREADMISSION SCREENING AND RESIDENT REVIEW (PASRR) FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI)

PASRR is a federal requirement that requires Medicaid certified Nursing Facilities (NF) evaluate all applicants for serious mental illness (SMI) and/or intellectual, developmental disability (IDDD). The PASRR process includes a Level I identification and a Level II evaluation and/or determination process. This memorandum pertains to the PASRR Level II evaluation on individuals identified on the Level I with SMI.

In the Level II process for SMI, the code of federal regulations, 42 C.F.R. §483.106(e)(2)(3) indicates the state mental health authority has responsibility only for the determination function, NOT the evaluation function. The SMI evaluation function must be performed by a person or entity other than the state mental health authority. In designating an independent person or entity to perform SMI evaluations, the state must not use a NF or an entity that has a direct or indirect affiliation or relationship with a NF.

The Level II evaluation on individuals with SMI has two parts, 1) the medical evaluation. If the medical evaluation (history and physical examination) is not performed by a physician, the physician must review and concur with findings and 2) the psychiatric evaluation of which the state may designate the mental health professionals who are qualified to perform this comprehensive psychiatric evaluation, 42 C.F.R. §483.134(c).

The state currently designates independent state licensed psychiatrists and psychologists who conduct Level II psychiatric evaluations on individuals with SMI. Effective September 25, 2023, the state will allow independent state licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who possess national certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) in psychiatric mental health nursing as additional state designees in completing Level II SMI evaluations.

PASRR Information such as access to state's electronic database (ePASRR) and training (required for initial users), can be scheduled thru state's Peer Review Organization (PRO), Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) by calling 808-941-1444 or by emailing ePASRRsupport@hsag.com.

If there are any questions, concerns, further clarification(s) regarding this memorandum, please call Ms. Kathleen Ishihara, Nurse Consultant at 808-692-8159 or email at kishihara@dhs.hawaii.gov.