



## How to Reach the PASRR Team

### PASRR Level I

If further clarification of the PASRR Level I policies is required (Nursing facilities or hospitals only), or additional training for your facility staff is needed, please contact:

AHCCCS, Division of Health Care Management  
Section at (602) 364-4645 in Phoenix or 1-800-  
654-8713, extension 74028 outside of Phoenix.

### PASRR Level II

Should you have any questions about the PASRR  
Level II (ID), you may call:

Division of Developmental Disabilities  
PASRR Coordinator  
(602) 771-8083 Office  
(602) 252-4818 FAX

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# What is PASRR?

## Definition

PASRR is an abbreviation for Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review.

**PASRR Level I** is a simple, multiple-choice assessment conducted by the discharging hospital or the admitting nursing facility. It is required prior to admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility.

**The PASRR Level I** is then sent to 1) Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), if the individual has a serious mental illness, 2) the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) if the individual has a diagnosis of intellectual disability or a related condition, OR 3) both agencies, if the individual is dually diagnosed (having both diagnoses.)

**PASRR Level II** - is a comprehensive assessment conducted by either Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System or the Division of Developmental Disabilities or both (see above). The PASRR Level II consists of an evaluation and a determination. Recent Federal legislation signed into law (HR 3632) amends Title XIX of the Social Security Act to **REPEAL** the requirement for the Level II Resident Reviews (RR) for Mentally Ill (MI)/ Intellectual Disability (ID) residents in Nursing Facilities (NF). **The new law indicates that additional (revised) Level II resident reviews by the MI/ID authority are required when there is a significant change in the physical or mental condition of a MI/MR NF resident.** This law does not affect the Level I, or the initial Level II requirements. The effective date of this law is October 19, 1996.

## Purpose

The purpose of the PASRR Level II assessment is to determine 1) whether the individual needs the level of care provided by a nursing facility, and 2) whether or not the individual needs specialized services.

## History

In 1987 Congress enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA '87), which established the PASRR program.

PASRR Regulations mandate that all individuals entering a Title XIX (Medicaid) nursing facility after January 1, 1989, be screened to identify Intellectual Disability (ID) or serious Mental Illness (MI) to avoid inappropriate placement. All individuals who were residents of nursing facilities prior to implementation of the ID/MI screening process had to be screened for ID/MI indications by April 1, 1990. The final rules were published January 29, 1993 as 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 483.100 through 483.138.

## Determinations

The following determinations are possible resulting from a PASRR Level II assessment:

1. The individual may be considered appropriate for nursing facility placement due to the need for continuous skilled nursing care and may be admitted or may continue to reside in a nursing facility if already a resident.
2. The individual is considered inappropriate for nursing facility placement and cannot be admitted, or if already a resident of a nursing facility, must be discharged. In both cases, a second determination is made regarding specialized services (formerly called active treatment). Either the individual does need specialized services, "YES" or it is determined the individual does not need, or would not benefit from, specialized services ("NO").
3. The individual is considered inappropriate for nursing facility placement but may choose to remain there IF he/she needs specialized services and has been a resident for 30 consecutive months before the date of determination.

## Support Coordinator Responsibility

If the determination is that, the individual is not appropriately placed in a skilled nursing facility, the DDD. Support Coordinator has ten working days in which to hold an Individual Support Plan (ISP) meeting with team members, and advise the team of placement options in the community.

PASRR training has been included in the comprehensive Support Coordinator Management Training, now required of all new Support Coordinators with DDD.

## Administrative Review Process

Each State must provide an administrative review for an individual who has been adversely affected by any PASRR determination made by the State.

In Arizona, the administrative review process procedure for a PASRR Level II determination by the Division of Developmental Disabilities is as follows:

If you disagree with the determination, you may request an Administrative Review. To do so, you must file a written request for review within 30 days of the date of the PASRR Level II determination letter.

## Where to File an Appeal

You may mail or deliver your request (for an Administrative Review of the Level II determination) in person to the:

**Division of Developmental Disabilities (PASRR)  
Office of Administrative Review  
3443 North Central, #916  
Mail Drop 2HE5  
Phoenix, AZ 85012**