



What is PASRR?

A Guide For Families

Definition

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

PASRR Level I Screening is a preliminary assessment completed for all individuals prior to admission to a Medicaid-certified Nursing Facility (NF) in order to determine whether an individual might have a mental illness or intellectual disability.

The PASRR Level I Screening may be completed by all entities involved in the PASRR process, such as hospital discharge planners, case managers, nursing facility staff, social workers or other qualified health professionals.

All individuals requiring admission to a Medicaid-certified Nursing Facility must be screened for both mental illness (MI) and intellectual disability (ID). An individual who tests positive for both MI and ID must undergo two separate Level II Evaluations – one for mental illness coordinated by AHCCCS and one for intellectual disability performed by Department of Economic Security (DES).

PASRR Level II is a comprehensive assessment performed by DES for individuals with ID. Evaluations for individuals with MI are coordinated by AHCCCS Complete Careregional Behavioral Health Agreement (ACC-RBHA) or (RBHA) contractor .

The PASRR Level II is a comprehensive evaluation required as a result of a positive Level I Screening. A Level II evaluation is necessary to confirm the indicated diagnosis noted in the Level I Screening and to determine whether placement or continued stay in a Nursing Facility is appropriate.

The determination is the outcome of the Level II evaluation which ensures that Nursing Facility placement is, or continues to be, appropriate, and that services provided to individuals with a MI, ID, or related condition meet the individual’s needs, including the need for specialized services.

Resident Review

Nursing facilities are required to notify the state mental health authority (AHCCCS) or state intellectual disability authority (DES), as applicable, of the need for a Resident Review promptly after a significant change in the mental or physical condition of a resident who has, or is suspected of having, a mental illness, intellectual disability or related condition. All PASRR screening information shall accompany the readmitted or transferred individual.

Specialized Services

When the recommended services resulting from the PASRR Level II evaluation are beyond those normally provided and included in the nursing facility daily rate, they are considered Specialized Services.

These services have three key characteristics:

1. They address individualized needs related to a person’s MI and/or ID or a related condition, as identified in the Level II evaluation.
2. They are provided to the individual during their residency in the NF.
3. They exceed the services a NF typically provides under its daily rate. Recall that PASRR applies to any individual applying for admission to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility, regardless of insurance type. Any applicant to a Medicaid-certified NF may need Specialized Services, regardless of insurance type.

Purpose

The purpose of the PASRR Level II assessment is to:

1. Evaluate and determine whether an individual has MI and or ID.
2. Determine if the individual needs the level of care provided by a nursing facility.
3. Determine whether or not the individual needs specialized services.



Determinations

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

1. If the individual requires NF services, he/she may be admitted to the NF. The NF shall also ensure that any Specialized Services recommended in the Level II PASRR documentation are available and coordinated by the facility.
2. If the outcome of the Level II PASRR determines the individual does not require NF services or Specialized Services, no admission shall take place. However, ALTCS-enrolled members are appropriate for a nursing level of care as determined by the ALTCS Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) tool for medical eligibility. Therefore, ALTCS members may still be appropriate for NF placement despite the outcome of the Level II evaluation. If an ALTCS member is determined to need Specialized Services and is admitted to a NF, the NF shall coordinate with the member's ALTCS case manager to arrange for the required services.

Support Coordinator Responsibility

For individuals enrolled with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), if it is determined that the individual is not appropriately placed in a nursing facility, the DDD Support Coordinator has 10 working days to hold a Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) meeting with the team members and advise the team of placement options in the community.

Administrative Review Process

Each state must provide an administrative review for an individual who has been adversely affected by a PASRR determination made by the state. In Arizona, the administrative review process procedure for a PASRR Level II determination by the DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) 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 60 days of the date of the PASRR Level II determination letter.

Where to File an Appeal

**Arizona Department of Economic Security
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Office of Administrative Review/PASRR**

**4000 N Central Ave, 3rd Floor, Suite 301
Mail Drop 2HE5
Phoenix, Arizona 85012**

**(602) 771-8163 or 1 (855) 888-3106
DDDOfficeofCompliance@azdes.gov**

For more information please visit us at:

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities/request-administrative-review>

How to Reach the PASRR Team



PASRR Level I

If further clarification of the PASRR Level I process is required (Nursing facilities or hospitals only), or technical assistance is needed, please contact:

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

PASRR Level II

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

**Division of Developmental Disabilities PASRR Coordinator
480-404-3769**

**Office Referral Inbox:
DDDPASRR@azdes.gov**