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MEMORANDUM

To: All Medicare/Medicaid Nursing Facilities, Hospitals and PASRR Evaluators
Re: CLARIFICATION ON PASRR Update - Regulation changes
Date: July 18, 2018
From: State Mental Health PASRR Authority

As you are aware the regulation changes impacting Significant Change and Quality of Life were updated effective November 28, 2017.

Significant Change

§483.20(k)(4) A nursing facility must notify the State Mental Health Authority or State Intellectual Disability Authority, as applicable, promptly after a significant change in the mental or physical condition of a resident who has mental illness or intellectual disability for resident review.

The nursing facility must refer all residents who have not previously had a Level II evaluation to the correct local PASRR authority with newly evident or a possible serious mental illness, intellectual disability, or a related condition upon a significant change.

For "Significant Change" re-evaluations, any resident/applicant with a mental illness must be referred to the local PASRR office and re-evaluations for a resident/applicant with an Intellectual Disability or Related Condition must be referred to the PASRR DSPD office.

For more information on significant change, please refer the [PASRR Training Manual](#) on Page 26.

Quality of Life

§483.21(a)(1) The facility must develop and implement a baseline care plan for each resident that includes the instructions needed to provide effective and person-centered care of the resident that meet professional standards of quality care. The baseline care plan must—

- (i) Be developed within 48 hours of a resident's admission.
- (ii) Include the minimum healthcare information necessary to properly care for a Resident including, but not limited to:—
 - A. Initial goals based on admission orders.
 - B. Physician orders.
 - C. Dietary orders.
 - D. Therapy services.
 - E. Social services.
 - F. PASRR recommendation, if applicable.

For PASRR specialized services to be included in the care plan process please refer to the — “Review of Recommendations” section on Level II form.

The intent of the PASRR Program is to ensure that people with mental illnesses and/or intellectual disabilities or related conditions applying for admission or admitted to Medicaid certified nursing facilities are being adequately diagnosed and receive treatment recommendations. PASRR helps to facilitate appropriate placements for applicant/residents in the least restrictive setting possible by evaluating if the community is considered as a placement option and to identify the services applicant/residents need, wherever they are placed.