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# **PASRR & Nursing Facility Specialized Services**

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# What Is PASRR?

## PreAdmission Screening and Resident Review

Basic requirement- Nursing Facilities (NFs) participating in the Medicaid Program may neither admit nor retain an individual with a PASRR disability unless the State has determined that NF placement is appropriate.

PASRR Disability is defined as:

- ⌘ Intellectual Disability (ID) or a related condition (RC) and/or
- ⌘ **Serious Mental Illness (SMI)**

# PASRR

*In the 1960's – 1980's*

- *Deinstitutionalization* of many residents of large state-operated institutions
- Many ended up in NFs
- “Warehoused” without receiving needed services

PASRR ensures that individuals with disabilities are not unnecessarily institutionalized, but can live in the **least restrictive environment** where their needs may be met. PASRR Reviewers & NFs identify the services they need for optimal functioning. When appropriate, PASRR can be a key component in identifying residents who may be discharged back to the community.

# PASRR Healthcare Interface

PASRR can foster continuity of care for individuals with MI or ID that were being supported with community-based services prior to seeking NF admission, or that will need those services when transitioning back to a community setting.

- ❑ PASRR can promote engagement of MI, ID, or RC individuals with needed services, if those services were not active at the time of their seeking NF admission.
- ❑ PASRR can support NF efforts to develop person-centered plans of care.
- ❑ PASRR can reduce the risk of hospital readmission

# Maryland PASRR Process

- Individuals who are referred for nursing facility admission must receive a level I PASRR screen  
<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/SiteAssets/pages/UCATransition/Level%20I%20ID%20Screen%20Revised%20Jan%202016.pdf>
- If the Level I Screen is positive for mental illness, a Level II assessment must be completed by local health department Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS). This screening is in the process of becoming automated.
- Based on the Level II assessment, AERS makes a recommendation to Beacon regarding need for nursing facility admission and specialized service needs.

# Specialized Services- Requirements for Inclusion

- CMS Final Rule November 2016 - Nursing facility resident care plans must include “Specialized Services” or specialized rehabilitative services that were recommended as part of PASRR Level II.
- NFs shall incorporate these services into the resident’s care plan and provide (either directly or through arrangements with other providers) those services as recommended.
- If a NF chooses not to provide recommended services, the reasons for this choice must be documented in the medical record.

# Primary Diagnosis: Dementia

- When it becomes apparent that the MI or ID is secondary, and a physician confirms that the primary diagnosis is Dementia with evidence based testing or neurological findings, then that individual is not subject to PASRR Level II & does not meet the requirements to issue a determination.
- If an individual no longer is benefiting from behavioral health therapy due to severe cognitive impairment, those specialized services are no longer medically necessary.

# Specialized Services

Defined as services that:

1. Are provided to individuals with a PASRR disability while they are residing in NF setting,
2. Go beyond the services normally provided in a nursing facility under its daily rate, and
3. Address individualized needs related to a person's PASRR disability as identified in the Level II evaluation.
4. May be provided in the NF or in a separate location.



# Maryland Specialized Services for Individuals with Mental Illness

Specialized Services\* include:

1. Behavioral health diagnosis and evaluation
2. Psychotherapy (individual, group, and family)
3. Psychiatric visits
4. Substance use disorder individual outpatient therapy
5. Methadone maintenance

Full list of covered behavioral health services billable at Nursing Facility (POS\*\* 31, 32) can be found at:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ea962778601/ad01c842-a315-49c9-84ad-049f75f000b9.pdf>

*\*Services are available to nursing facility residents at time of admission regardless if identified secondary to PASRR process or not; or if there is a significant change in resident's physical or mental status.*

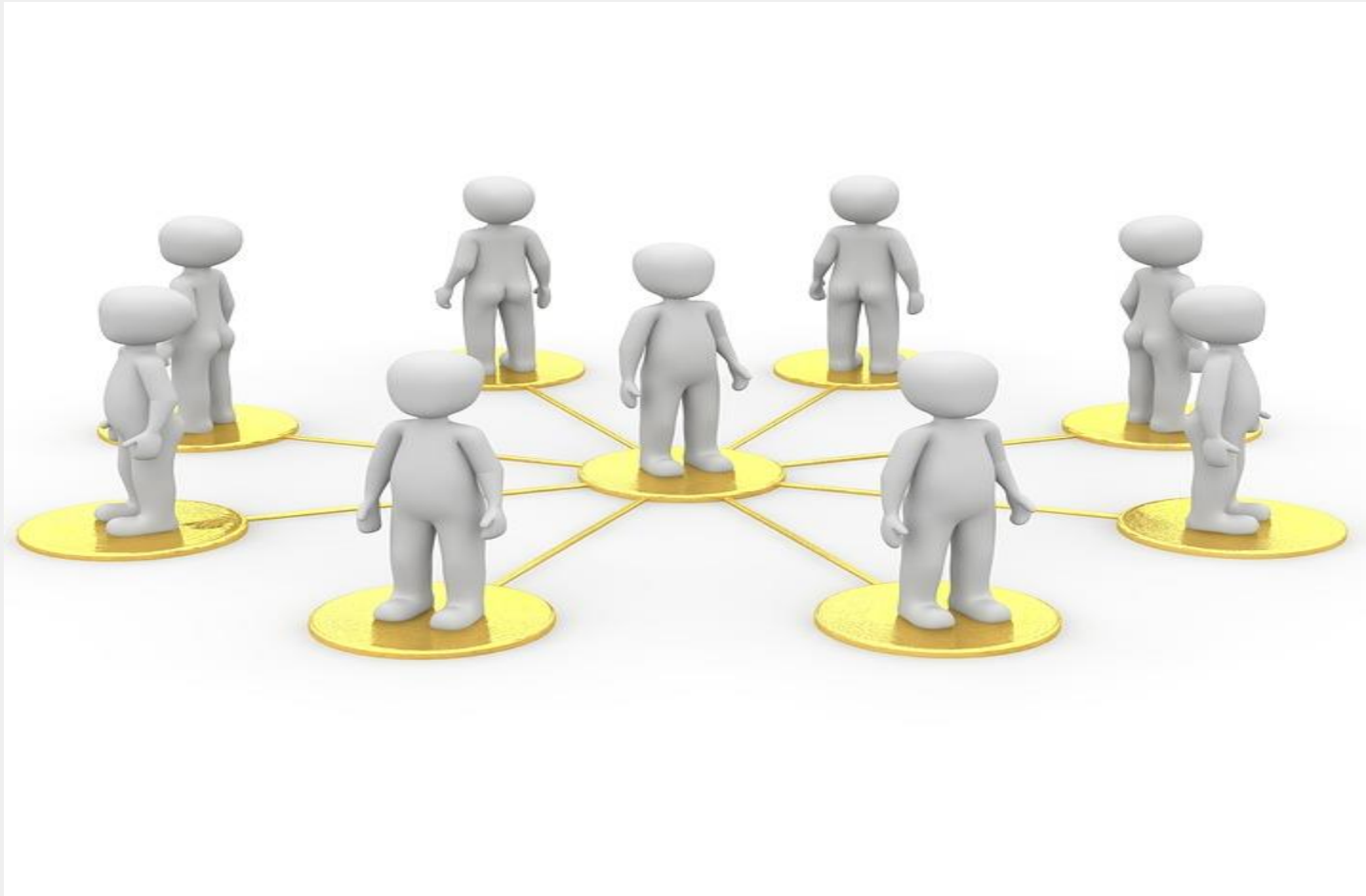
*\*\*Place of Service (POS) is defined as the place where the service was rendered.*

# Maryland Specialized Services for Individuals with Mental Illness

- Providers must submit authorization requests through Beacon's Provider Connect System for the identified treatment services.
- Requirement at time of authorization:
  - Attach the PASRR certificate, PASRR Level 1 screening tool or Physician's Orders reflecting the need for behavioral health services.
  - Providers will need to obtain a copy of an individual's Certificate, Level 1 Screening Tool or Physician Orders from the NF for their records.
- Claims submitted for payment of services must reflect the appropriate place of service for where the service was rendered (*POS 31 or POS 32*) on the claim form.
  - All telehealth providers **must** bill the appropriate CPT code or revenue codes with a –GT modifier when billing for services provided via telehealth.
- Utilization of services will be monitored to identify trends and/or over usage.

# Provider & Nursing Facility (NF) Partnerships

## Building partnerships with your local NFs



# Older Adult Behavioral Health PASRR Specialists

## Older Adult Behavioral Health PASRR Specialists:

- 1) Resource/ consultant available to providers and others involved in preadmission aspects of PASRR; identify alternative community resources.
- 2) Resource to NFs in identifying residents who may need resident review; identify opportunities for discharge to the community.

Link to Behavioral Health Coordinators:

<https://bha.health.Maryland.gov/Pages/olderadultbehavioralhealthandPASRR.aspx>

# Resources

- Beacon Website: <http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/index.html>
- Link to Provider Manual:  
[http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH06\\_19-MH-Nursing-Home.pdf](http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/manual/CH06_19-MH-Nursing-Home.pdf)
- Link for Telehealth:  
<http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/alerts/2015/092515-Medicaid-Telehealth-Program.pdf>
- Link to Medicaid Transmittal:  
[https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/MCOupdates/Documents/pt\\_09-19.pdf](https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/MCOupdates/Documents/pt_09-19.pdf)
- Contact for additional questions for Medicaid coverage:  
[mdh.mabehavioralhealth@Maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.mabehavioralhealth@Maryland.gov).
- Beacon Health Options Billing:  
<http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/alerts/2018/PMHS-Fee-Schedule-Eff-July-1-2018.pdf>

# Q AND A

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# Thank you

