




DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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MEMORANDUM

To: Nursing Facility Administrators
Hospital Administrators
Local Health Departments

From: Marlana R. Hutchinson, Director 
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Subject: Termination of COVID-19 #10: Non-Enforcement of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Requirements

Date: August 5, 2021

Note: **Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.**

On April 1, 2020, the Secretary of Health issued COVID-19 #10: Temporary Non-Enforcement of Preadmission Screen and Resident Review (PASRR) Requirements. Under the Secretary's Order, nursing facilities (NF) were given up to 30 days following NF admission to complete the Level I screen and, if applicable, refer the individual for Resident Review. The Order also issued a temporary deferment for Minimum Data Set (MDS) validations.

In accordance with the Governor's Order Terminating Various Emergency Orders issued on June 15, 2021 (Executive Order 21-06-15-01), the following provisions will terminate effective August 15, 2021:

- **Termination of the non-enforcement of PASRR requirements.** Beginning August 16, 2021, hospitals and nursing facilities must ensure that all PASRR requirements have been met prior to an individual's NF admission for any admissions occurring on or after August 16, 2021. PASRR requirements include completion of the Level I screen and, if applicable, the Level II evaluation and determination of the individual's appropriateness for NF placement.
- **Termination of the temporary deferment for MDS validations.** The Department's Utilization Control Agent resumed MDS validations virtually in November 2020. Beginning August 16, 2021, on-site/in-person MDS validations will resume.

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