

## 42 CFR 483 Subpart C: Federal PASRR regulations

### **§ 483.100 Basis.**

The requirements of §§ 483.100 through 483.138 governing the State's responsibility for preadmission screening and annual resident review (PASARR) of individuals with mental illness and intellectual disability are based on section 1919(e)(7) of the Act.

### **483.102 Applicability and definitions.**

**(a)** This subpart applies to the screening or reviewing of all individuals with mental illness or intellectual disability who apply to or reside in Medicaid certified NFs regardless of the source of payment for the NF services, and regardless of the individual's or resident's known diagnoses.

**(b) Definitions.** As used in this subpart—

**(1)** An individual is considered to have a serious mental illness (MI) if the individual meets the following requirements on diagnosis, level of impairment and duration of illness:

**(i) Diagnosis.** The individual has a major mental disorder diagnosable under the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd edition, revised in 1987.

Incorporation of the 1987 edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd edition, was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 that govern the use of incorporation by reference. <sup>1</sup>

This mental disorder is—

**(A)** A schizophrenic, mood, paranoid, panic or other severe anxiety disorder; somatoform disorder; personality disorder; other psychotic disorder; or another mental disorder that may lead to a chronic disability; but

**(B)** Not a primary diagnosis of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, or a non-primary diagnosis of dementia unless the primary diagnosis is a major mental disorder as defined in paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section.

**(ii) Level of impairment.** The disorder results in functional limitations in major life activities within the past 3 to 6 months that would be appropriate for the individual's developmental stage. An individual typically has at least one of the following characteristics on a continuing or intermittent basis:

**(A) Interpersonal functioning.** The individual has serious difficulty interacting appropriately and communicating effectively with other persons, has a possible history of altercations, evictions, firing, fear of strangers, avoidance of interpersonal relationships and social isolation;

**(B) Concentration, persistence, and pace.** The individual has serious difficulty in sustaining focused attention for a long enough period to permit the completion of tasks commonly found in work settings or in work-like structured activities occurring in school or home settings, manifests difficulties in concentration, inability to complete simple tasks within an established time period, makes frequent errors, or requires assistance in the completion of these tasks; and

**(C) Adaptation to change.** The individual has serious difficulty in adapting to typical changes in circumstances associated with work, school, family, or social interaction, manifests agitation, exacerbated signs and symptoms associated with the illness, or withdrawal from the situation, or requires intervention by the mental health or judicial system.

**(iii) Recent treatment.** The treatment history indicates that the individual has experienced at least one of the following:

**(A)** Psychiatric treatment more intensive than outpatient care more than once in the past 2 years (e.g., partial hospitalization or inpatient hospitalization); or

**(B)** Within the last 2 years, due to the mental disorder, experienced an episode of significant disruption to the normal living situation, for which supportive services were required to maintain functioning at home, or in a residential treatment environment, or which resulted in intervention by housing or law enforcement officials.

**(2)** An individual is considered to have dementia if he or she has a primary diagnosis of dementia, as described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd edition, revised in 1987, or a non-primary diagnosis of dementia unless the primary diagnosis is a major mental disorder as defined in paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section.

**(3)** An individual is considered to have intellectual disability (MR) if he or she has—

**(i)** A level of retardation (mild, moderate, severe or profound) described in the American Association on Intellectual Disability's Manual on Classification in Intellectual Disability (1983). Incorporation by reference of the 1983 edition of the American Association on Intellectual Disability's Manual on

Classification in Intellectual Disability was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with [5 U.S.C. 552\(a\)](#) and 1 CFR part [51](#) that govern the use of incorporations by reference;<sup>2</sup>

#### **§ 483.104 State plan requirement.**

As a condition of approval of the State plan, the State must operate a preadmission screening and annual resident review program that meets the requirements of §§ [483.100](#) through [483.138](#)

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#### **§ 483.106 Basic rule.**

**(a) Requirement.** The State PASARR program must require—(1) Preadmission screening of all individuals with mental illness or intellectual disability who apply as new admissions to Medicaid NFs on or after January 1, 1989;

**(2)** Initial review, by April 1, 1990, of all current residents with intellectual disability or mental illness who entered Medicaid NFs prior to January 1, 1989; and

**(3)** At least annual review, as of April 1, 1990, of all residents with mental illness or intellectual disability, regardless of whether they were first screened under the preadmission screening or annual resident review requirements.

#### **(b) Admissions, readmissions and interfacility transfers—**

**(1) New admission.** An individual is a new admission if he or she is admitted to any NF for the first time or does not qualify as a readmission. With the exception of certain hospital discharges described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, new admissions are subject to preadmission screening.

#### **(2) Exempted hospital discharge.**

**(i)** An exempted hospital discharge means an individual—

**(A)** Who is admitted to any NF directly from a hospital after receiving acute inpatient care at the hospital;

**(B)** Who requires NF services for the condition for which he or she received care in the hospital; and

**(C)** Whose attending physician has certified before admission to the facility that the individual is likely to require less than 30 days nursing facility services.

**(ii)** If an individual who enters a NF as an exempted hospital discharge is later found to require more than 30 days of NF care, the State mental health or intellectual disability authority must conduct an annual resident review within 40 calendar days of admission.

**(3) Readmissions.** An individual is a readmission if he or she was readmitted to a facility from a hospital to which he or she was transferred for the purpose of receiving care. Readmissions are subject to annual resident review rather than preadmission screening.

#### **(4) Interfacility transfers—**

**(i)** An interfacility transfer occurs when an individual is transferred from one NF to another NF, with or without an intervening hospital stay. Interfacility transfers are subject to annual resident review rather than preadmission screening.

**(ii)** In cases of transfer of a resident with MI or MR from a NF to a hospital or to another NF, the transferring NF is responsible for ensuring that copies of the resident's most recent PASARR and resident assessment reports accompany the transferring resident.

**(c) Purpose.** The preadmission screening and annual resident review process must result in determinations based on a physical and mental evaluation of each individual with mental illness or intellectual disability, that are described in §§ [483.112](#) and [483.114](#).

**(d) Responsibility for evaluations and determinations.** The PASARR determinations of whether an individual requires the level of services provided by a NF and whether specialized services are needed—

**(1)** For individuals with mental illness, must be made by the State mental health authority and be based on an independent physical and mental evaluation performed by a person or entity other than the State mental health authority; and

**(2)** For individuals with intellectual disability, must be made by the State intellectual disability or developmental disabilities authority.

#### **(e) Delegation of responsibility—**

**(1)** The State mental health and intellectual disability authorities may delegate by subcontract or otherwise the evaluation and determination functions for which they are responsible to another entity only if—

**(i)** The State mental health and intellectual disability authorities retain ultimate control and responsibility for the performance of their statutory obligations;

- (ii) The two determinations as to the need for NF services and for specialized services are made, based on a consistent analysis of the data; and
- (iii) The entity to which the delegation is made is not a NF or an entity that has a direct or indirect affiliation or relationship with a NF.
- (2) The State intellectual disability authority has responsibility for both the evaluation and determination functions for individuals with MR whereas the State mental health authority has responsibility only for the determination function.
- (3) The evaluation of individuals with MI cannot be delegated by the State mental health authority because it does not have responsibility for this function. The evaluation function must be performed by a person or entity other than the State mental health authority. In designating an independent person or entity to perform MI evaluations, the State must not use a NF or an entity that has a direct or indirect affiliation or relationship with a NF.

#### **483.108 Relationship of PASARR to other Medicaid processes.**

- (a) PASARR determinations made by the State mental health or intellectual disability authorities cannot be countermanded by the State Medicaid agency, either in the claims process or through other utilization control/review processes or by the State survey and certification agency. Only appeals determinations made through the system specified in subpart E of this part may overturn a PASARR determination made by the State mental health or intellectual disability authorities.
- (b) In making their determinations, however, the State mental health and intellectual disability authorities must not use criteria relating to the need for NF care or specialized services that are inconsistent with this regulation and any supplementary criteria adopted by the State Medicaid agency under its approved State plan.
- (c) To the maximum extent practicable, in order to avoid duplicative testing and effort, the PASARR must be coordinated with the routine resident assessments required by § 483.20(b).

#### **§ 483.110 Out-of-State arrangements.**

- (a) **Basic rule.** The State in which the individual is a State resident (or would be a State resident at the time he or she becomes eligible for Medicaid), as defined in § 435.403 of this chapter, must pay for the PASARR and make the required determinations, in accordance with § 431.52(b).
- (b) **Agreements.** A State may include arrangements for PASARR in its provider agreements with out-of-State facilities or reciprocal interstate agreements.

#### **§ 483.112 Preadmission screening of applicants for admission to NFs.**

- (a) **Determination of need for NF services.** For each NF applicant with MI or MR, the State mental health or intellectual disability authority (as appropriate) must determine, in accordance with § 483.130, whether, because of the resident's physical and mental condition, the individual requires the level of services provided by a NF.
- (b) **Determination of need for specialized services.** If the individual with mental illness or intellectual disability is determined to require a NF level of care, the State mental health or intellectual disability authority (as appropriate) must also determine, in accordance with § 483.130, whether the individual requires specialized services for the mental illness or intellectual disability, as defined in § 483.120.
- (c) **Timeliness—**
  - (1) Except as specified in paragraph (c)(4) of this section, a preadmission screening determination must be made in writing within an annual average of 7 to 9 working days of referral of the individual with MI or MR by whatever agent performs the Level I identification, under § 483.128(a) of this part, to the State mental health or intellectual disability authority for screening. (See § 483.128(a) for discussion of Level I evaluation.)
  - (2) The State may convey determinations verbally to nursing facilities and the individual and confirm them in writing.
  - (3) The State may compute separate annual averages for the mentally ill and individuals with intellectual disabilities/developmentally disabled populations.
  - (4) The Secretary may grant an exception to the timeliness standard in paragraph (c)(1) of this section when the State—
    - (i) Exceeds the annual average; and

(ii) Provides justification satisfactory to the Secretary that a longer time period was necessary.

**483.114 Annual review of NF residents.**

**(a) *Individuals with mental illness.*** For each resident of a NF who has mental illness, the State mental health authority must determine in accordance with § 483.130 whether, because of the resident's physical and mental condition, the resident requires—

(1) The level of services provided by—

(i) A NF;

(ii) An inpatient psychiatric hospital for individuals under age 21, as described in section 1905(h) of the Act; or

(iii) An institution for mental diseases providing medical assistance to individuals age 65 or older; and

(2) Specialized services for mental illness, as defined in § 483.120.

**(b) *Individuals with intellectual disability.*** For each resident of a NF who has intellectual disability, the State intellectual disability or developmental disability authority must determine in accordance with § 483.130 whether, because of his or her physical or mental condition, the resident requires—

(1) The level of services provided by a NF or an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

(2) Specialized services for intellectual disability as defined in § 483.120.

**(c) *Frequency of review—***

(1) A review and determination must be conducted for each resident of a Medicaid NF who has mental illness or intellectual disability not less often than annually.

(2) “Annually” is defined as occurring within every fourth quarter after the previous preadmission screen or annual resident review.

**(d) *April 1, 1990 deadline for initial reviews.*** The first set of annual reviews on residents who entered the NF prior to January 1, 1989, must be completed by April 1, 1990.

**§ 483.116 Residents and applicants determined to require NF level of services.**

**(a) *Individuals needing NF services.*** If the State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines that a resident or applicant for admission to a NF requires a NF level of services, the NF may admit or retain the individual.

**(b) *Individuals needing NF services and specialized services.*** If the State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines that a resident or applicant for admission requires both a NF level of services and specialized services for the mental illness or intellectual disability—

(1) The NF may admit or retain the individual; and

(2) The State must provide or arrange for the provision of the specialized services needed by the individual while he or she resides in the NF.

483.118 Residents and applicants determined not to require NF level of services.

**(a) *Applicants who do not require NF services.*** If the State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines that an applicant for admission to a NF does not require NF services, the applicant cannot be admitted. NF services are not a covered Medicaid service for that individual, and further screening is not required.

**(b) *Residents who require neither NF services nor specialized services for MI or MR.*** If the State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines that a resident requires neither the level of services provided by a NF nor specialized services for MI or MR, regardless of the length of stay in the facility, the State must—

(1) Arrange for the safe and orderly discharge of the resident from the facility in accordance with § 483.12(a); and

(2) Prepare and orient the resident for discharge.

**(c) *Residents who do not require NF services but require specialized services for MI or MR—***

**(1) *Long term residents.*** Except as otherwise may be provided in an alternative disposition plan adopted under section 1919(e)(7)(E) of the Act, for any resident who has continuously resided in a NF for at least 30 months before the date of the determination, and who requires only specialized services as defined in § 483.120, the State must, in consultation with the resident's family or legal representative and caregivers—

(i) Offer the resident the choice of remaining in the facility or of receiving services in an alternative appropriate setting;

- (ii) Inform the resident of the institutional and noninstitutional alternatives covered under the State Medicaid plan for the resident;
  - (iii) Clarify the effect on eligibility for Medicaid services under the State plan if the resident chooses to leave the facility, including its effect on readmission to the facility; and
  - (iv) Regardless of the resident's choice, provide for, or arrange for the provision of specialized services for the mental illness or intellectual disability.
- (2) Short term residents.** Except as otherwise may be provided in an alternative disposition plan adopted under section 1919(e)(7)(E) of the Act, for any resident who requires only specialized services, as defined in § 483.120, and who has not continuously resided in a NF for at least 30 months before the date of the determination, the State must, in consultation with the resident's family or legal representative and caregivers—
- (i) Arrange for the safe and orderly discharge of the resident from the facility in accordance with § 483.12(a);
  - (ii) Prepare and orient the resident for discharge; and
  - (iii) Provide for, or arrange for the provision of, specialized services for the mental illness or intellectual disability.
- (3)** For the purpose of establishing length of stay in a NF, the 30 months of continuous residence in a NF or longer—
- (i) Is calculated back from the date of the first annual resident review determination which finds that the individual is not in need of NF level of services;
  - (ii) May include temporary absences for hospitalization or therapeutic leave; and
  - (iii) May consist of consecutive residences in more than one NF.

**§ 483.118 Residents and applicants determined not to require NF level of services.**

**(a) Applicants who do not require NF services.** If the State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines that an applicant for admission to a NF does not require NF services, the applicant cannot be admitted. NF services are not a covered Medicaid service for that individual, and further screening is not required.

**(b) Residents who require neither NF services nor specialized services for MI or MR.** If the State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines that a resident requires neither the level of services provided by a NF nor specialized services for MI or MR, regardless of the length of stay in the facility, the State must—

**(1)** Arrange for the safe and orderly discharge of the resident from the facility in accordance with § 483.12(a); and

**(2)** Prepare and orient the resident for discharge.

**(c) Residents who do not require NF services but require specialized services for MI or MR—**

**(1) Long term residents.** Except as otherwise may be provided in an alternative disposition plan adopted under section 1919(e)(7)(E) of the Act, for any resident who has continuously resided in a NF for at least 30 months before the date of the determination, and who requires only specialized services as defined in § 483.120, the State must, in consultation with the resident's family or legal representative and caregivers—

**(i)** Offer the resident the choice of remaining in the facility or of receiving services in an alternative appropriate setting;

**(ii)** Inform the resident of the institutional and noninstitutional alternatives covered under the State Medicaid plan for the resident;

**(iii)** Clarify the effect on eligibility for Medicaid services under the State plan if the resident chooses to leave the facility, including its effect on readmission to the facility; and

**(iv)** Regardless of the resident's choice, provide for, or arrange for the provision of specialized services for the mental illness or intellectual disability.

**(2) Short term residents.** Except as otherwise may be provided in an alternative disposition plan adopted under section 1919(e)(7)(E) of the Act, for any resident who requires only specialized services, as defined in § 483.120, and who has not continuously resided in a NF for at least 30 months before the date of the determination, the State must, in consultation with the resident's family or legal representative and caregivers—

**(i)** Arrange for the safe and orderly discharge of the resident from the facility in accordance with § 483.12(a);

**(ii)** Prepare and orient the resident for discharge; and

- (iii) Provide for, or arrange for the provision of, specialized services for the mental illness or intellectual disability.
- (3) For the purpose of establishing length of stay in a NF, the 30 months of continuous residence in a NF or longer—
  - (i) Is calculated back from the date of the first annual resident review determination which finds that the individual is not in need of NF level of services;
  - (ii) May include temporary absences for hospitalization or therapeutic leave; and
  - (iii) May consist of consecutive residences in more than one NF

#### **483.120 Specialized services.**

##### **(a) Definition—**

(1) For mental illness, specialized services means the services specified by the State which, combined with services provided by the NF, results in the continuous and aggressive implementation of an individualized plan of care that—

(i) Is developed and supervised by an interdisciplinary team, which includes a physician, qualified mental health professionals and, as appropriate, other professionals.

(ii) Prescribes specific therapies and activities for the treatment of persons experiencing an acute episode of serious mental illness, which necessitates supervision by trained mental health personnel; and

(iii) Is directed toward diagnosing and reducing the resident's behavioral symptoms that necessitated institutionalization, improving his or her level of independent functioning, and achieving a functioning level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health services to below the level of specialized services at the earliest possible time.

(2) For intellectual disability, specialized services means the services specified by the State which, combined with services provided by the NF or other service providers, results in treatment which meets the requirements of § 483.440(a)(1).

**(b) Who must receive specialized services.** The State must provide or arrange for the provision of specialized services, in accordance with this subpart, to all NF residents with MI or MR whose needs are such that continuous supervision, treatment and training by qualified mental health or intellectual disability personnel is necessary, as identified by the screening provided in § 483.130 or §§ 483.134 and 483.136.

**(c) Services of lesser intensity than specialized services.** The NF must provide mental health or intellectual disability services which are of a lesser intensity than specialized services to all residents who need such services.

#### **483.122 FFP for NF services.**

**(a) Basic rule.** Except as otherwise may be provided in an alternative disposition plan adopted under section 1919(e)(7)(E) of the Act, FFP is available in State expenditures for NF services provided to a Medicaid eligible individual subject to the requirements of this part only if the individual has been determined—

(1) To need NF care under § 483.116(a) or

(2) Not to need NF services but to need specialized services, meets the requirements of § 483.118(c)(1), and elects to stay in the NF.

**(b) FFP for late reviews.** When a preadmission screening has not been performed prior to admission or an annual review is not performed timely, in accordance with § 483.114(c), but either is performed at a later date, FFP is available only for services furnished after the screening or review has been performed, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section.

#### **483.124 FFP for specialized services.**

FFP is not available for specialized services furnished to NF residents as NF services

#### **483.126 Appropriate placement.**

Placement of an individual with MI or MR in a NF may be considered appropriate only when the individual's needs are such that he or she meets the minimum standards for admission and the individual's needs for treatment do not exceed the level of services which can be delivered in the NF

to which the individual is admitted either through NF services alone or, where necessary, through NF services supplemented by specialized services provided by or arranged for by the State.

**483.128 PASARR evaluation criteria.**

**(a) Level I: Identification of individuals with MI or MR.** The State's PASARR program must identify all individuals who are suspected of having MI or MR as defined in § 483.102. This identification function is termed Level I. Level II is the function of evaluating and determining whether NF services and specialized services are needed. The State's performance of the Level I identification function must provide at least, in the case of first time identifications, for the issuance of written notice to the individual or resident and his or her legal representative that the individual or resident is suspected of having MI or MR and is being referred to the State mental health or intellectual disability authority for Level II screening.

**(b) Adaptation to culture, language, ethnic origin.** Evaluations performed under PASARR and PASARR notices must be adapted to the cultural background, language, ethnic origin and means of communication used by the individual being evaluated.

**(c) Participation by individual and family.** PASARR evaluations must involve—

(1) The individual being evaluated;

(2) The individual's legal representative, if one has been designated under State law; and

(3) The individual's family if—

(i) Available; and

(ii) The individual or the legal representative agrees to family participation.

**(d) Interdisciplinary coordination.** When parts of a PASARR evaluation are performed by more than one evaluator, the State must ensure that there is interdisciplinary coordination among the evaluators.

**(e)** The State's PASARR program must use at least the evaluative criteria of § 483.130 (if one or both determinations can easily be made categorically as described in § 483.130) or of §§ 483.132 and 483.134 or § 483.136 (or, in the case of individuals with both MI and MR, §§ 483.132, 483.134 and 483.136 if a more extensive individualized evaluation is required).

**(f) Data.** In the case of individualized evaluations, information that is necessary for determining whether it is appropriate for the individual with MI or MR to be placed in an NF or in another appropriate setting should be gathered throughout all applicable portions of the PASARR evaluation (§§ 483.132 and 483.134 and/or § 483.136). The two determinations relating to the need for NF level of care and specialized services are interrelated and must be based upon a comprehensive analysis of all data concerning the individual.

**(g) Preexisting data.** Evaluators may use relevant evaluative data, obtained prior to initiation of preadmission screening or annual resident review, if the data are considered valid and accurate and reflect the current functional status of the individual. However, in the case of individualized evaluations, to supplement and verify the currency and accuracy of existing data, the State's PASARR program may need to gather additional information necessary to assess proper placement and treatment.

**(h) Findings.** For both categorical and individualized determinations, findings of the evaluation must correspond to the person's current functional status as documented in medical and social history records.

**(i) Evaluation report: Individualized determinations.** For individualized PASARR determinations, findings must be issued in the form of a written evaluative report which—

(1) Identifies the name and professional title of person(s) who performed the evaluation(s) and the date on which each portion of the evaluation was administered;

(2) Provides a summary of the medical and social history, including the positive traits or developmental strengths and weaknesses or developmental needs of the evaluated individual;

(3) If NF services are recommended, identifies the specific services which are required to meet the evaluated individual's needs, including services required in paragraph (i)(5) of this section;

(4) If specialized services are not recommended, identifies any specific intellectual disability or mental health services which are of a lesser intensity than specialized services that are required to meet the evaluated individual's needs;

(5) If specialized services are recommended, identifies the specific intellectual disability or mental health services required to meet the evaluated individual's needs; and

(6) Includes the bases for the report's conclusions.

**(j) Evaluation report: Categorical determinations.** For categorical PASARR determinations, findings must be issued in the form of an abbreviated written evaluative report which—

- (1) Identifies the name and professional title of the person applying the categorical determination and the data on which the application was made;
- (2) Explains the categorical determination(s) that has (have) been made and, if only one of the two required determinations can be made categorically, describes the nature of any further screening which is required;
- (3) Identifies, to the extent possible, based on the available data, NF services, including any mental health or specialized psychiatric rehabilitative services, that may be needed; and
- (4) Includes the bases for the report's conclusions.
- (k) Interpretation of findings to individual.** For both categorical and individualized determinations, findings of the evaluation must be interpreted and explained to the individual and, where applicable, to a legal representative designated under State law.
- (l) Evaluation report.** The evaluator must send a copy of the evaluation report to the—
  - (1) Individual or resident and his or her legal representative;
  - (2) Appropriate State authority in sufficient time for the State authorities to meet the times identified in § 483.112(c) for PASs and § 483.114(c) for ARRs;
  - (3) Admitting or retaining NF;
  - (4) Individual's attending physician; and
  - (5) The discharging hospital if the individual is seeking NF admission from a hospital.
- (m) The evaluation may be terminated if the evaluator finds at any time during the evaluation that the individual being evaluated—**
  - (1) Does not have MI or MR; or
  - (2) Has—
    - (i) A primary diagnosis of dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder); or
    - (ii) A non-primary diagnosis of dementia without a primary diagnosis that is a serious mental illness, and does not have a diagnosis of MR or a related condition.

#### **483.130 PASARR determination criteria.**

- (a) Basis for determinations.** Determinations made by the State mental health or intellectual disability authority as to whether NF level of services and specialized services are needed must be based on an evaluation of data concerning the individual, as specified in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (b) Types of determinations.** Determinations may be—
  - (1) Advance group determinations, in accordance with this section, by category that take into account that certain diagnoses, levels of severity of illness, or need for a particular service clearly indicate that admission to or residence in a NF is normally needed, or that the provision of specialized services is not normally needed; or
  - (2) Individualized determinations based on more extensive individualized evaluations as required in § 483.132, § 483.134, or § 483.136 (or, in the case of an individual having both MR and MI, §§ 483.134 and 483.136).
- (c) Group determinations by category.** Advance group determinations by category developed by the State mental health or intellectual disability authorities may be made applicable to individuals by the NF or other evaluator following Level I review only if existing data on the individual appear to be current and accurate and are sufficient to allow the evaluator readily to determine that the individual fits into the category established by the State authorities (see § 483.132(c)). Sources of existing data on the individual that could form the basis for applying a categorical determination by the State authorities would be hospital records, physician's evaluations, election of hospice status, records of community mental health centers or community intellectual disability or developmental disability providers.
- (d) Examples of categories.** Examples of categories for which the State mental health or intellectual disability authority may make an advance group determination that NF services are needed are—
  - (1) Convalescent care from an acute physical illness which—
    - (i) Required hospitalization; and
    - (ii) Does not meet all the criteria for an exempt hospital discharge, which is not subject to preadmission screening, as specified in § 483.106(b)(2).
  - (2) Terminal illness, as defined for hospice purposes in § 418.3 of this chapter;
  - (3) Severe physical illnesses such as coma, ventilator dependence, functioning at a brain stem level, or diagnoses such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's



disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and congestive heart failure which result in a level of impairment so severe that the individual could not be expected to benefit from specialized services;

(4) Provisional admissions pending further assessment in cases of delirium where an accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears;

(5) Provisional admissions pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services, with placement in a nursing facility not to exceed 7 days; and

(6) Very brief and finite stays of up to a fixed number of days to provide respite to in-home caregivers to whom the individual with MI or MR is expected to return following the brief NF stay.

(e) **Time limits.** The State may specify time limits for categorical determinations that NF services are needed and in the case of paragraphs (d)(4), (5) and (6) of this section, must specify a time limit which is appropriate for provisional admissions pending further assessment and for emergency situations and respite care. If an individual is later determined to need a longer stay than the State's limit allows, the individual must be subjected to an annual resident review before continuation of the stay may be permitted and payment made for days of NF care beyond the State's time limit.

(f) The State mental health and intellectual disability authorities may make categorical determinations that specialized services are not needed in the provisional, emergency and respite admission situations identified in § 483.130(d)(4)-(6). In all other cases, except for § 483.130(h), a determination that specialized services are not needed must be based on a more extensive individualized evaluation under § 483.134 or § 483.136.

(g) **Categorical determinations: No positive specialized treatment determinations.** The State mental health and intellectual disability authorities must not make categorical determinations that specialized services are needed. Such a determination must be based on a more extensive individualized evaluation under § 483.134 or § 483.136 to determine the exact nature of the specialized services that are needed.

(h) **Categorical determinations: Dementia and MR.** The State intellectual disability authority may make categorical determinations that individuals with dementia, which exists in combination with intellectual disability or a related condition, do not need specialized services.

(i) If a State mental health or intellectual disability authority determines NF needs by category, it may not waive the specialized services determination. The appropriate State authority must also determine whether specialized services are needed either by category (if permitted) or by individualized evaluations, as specified in § 483.134 or § 483.136.

(j) **Recording determinations.** All determinations made by the State mental health and intellectual disability authority, regardless of how they are arrived at, must be recorded in the individual's record.

(k) **Notice of determination.** The State mental health or intellectual disability authority must notify in writing the following entities of a determination made under this subpart:

(1) The evaluated individual and his or her legal representative;

(2) The admitting or retaining NF;

(3) The individual or resident's attending physician; and

(4) The discharging hospital, unless the individual is exempt from preadmission screening as provided for at § 483.106(b)(2).

(l) **Contents of notice.** Each notice of the determination made by the State mental health or intellectual disability authority must include—

(1) Whether a NF level of services is needed;

(2) Whether specialized services are needed;

(3) The placement options that are available to the individual consistent with these determinations; and

(4) The rights of the individual to appeal the determination under subpart E of this part.

(m) **Placement options.** Except as otherwise may be provided in an alternative disposition plan adopted under section 1919(e)(7)(E) of the Act, the placement options and the required State actions are as follows:

(1) **Can be admitted to a NF.** Any applicant for admission to a NF who has MI or MR and who requires the level of services provided by a NF, regardless of whether specialized services are also needed, may be admitted to a NF, if the placement is appropriate, as determined in § 483.126. If specialized services are also needed, the State is responsible for providing or arranging for the provision of the specialized services.

(2) **Cannot be admitted to a NF.** Any applicant for admission to a NF who has MI or MR and who does not require the level of services provided by a NF, regardless of whether specialized services are also needed, is inappropriate for NF placement and must not be admitted.

**(3) Can be considered appropriate for continued placement in a NF.** Any NF resident with MI or MR who requires the level of services provided by a NF, regardless of the length of his or her stay or the need for specialized services, can continue to reside in the NF, if the placement is appropriate, as determined in § 483.126.

**(4) May choose to remain in the NF even though the placement would otherwise be inappropriate.** Any NF resident with MI or MR who does not require the level of services provided by a NF but does require specialized services and who has continuously resided in a NF for at least 30 consecutive months before the date of determination may choose to continue to reside in the facility or to receive covered services in an alternative appropriate institutional or noninstitutional setting. Wherever the resident chooses to reside, the State must meet his or her specialized services needs. The determination notice must provide information concerning how, when, and by whom the various placement options available to the resident will be fully explained to the resident.

**(5) Cannot be considered appropriate for continued placement in a NF and must be discharged (short-term residents).** Any NF resident with MI or MR who does not require the level of services provided by a NF but does require specialized services and who has resided in a NF for less than 30 consecutive months must be discharged in accordance with § 483.12(a) to an appropriate setting where the State must provide specialized services. The determination notice must provide information on how, when, and by whom the resident will be advised of discharge arrangements and of his/her appeal rights under both PASARR and discharge provisions.

**(6) Cannot be considered appropriate for continued placement in a NF and must be discharged (short or long-term residents).** Any NF resident with MI or MR who does not require the level of services provided by a NF and does not require specialized services regardless of his or her length of stay, must be discharged in accordance with § 483.12(a). The determination notice must provide information on how, when, and by whom the resident will be advised of discharge arrangements and of his or her appeal rights under both PASARR and discharge provisions.

**(n) Specialized services needed in a NF.** If a determination is made to admit or allow to remain in a NF any individual who requires specialized services, the determination must be supported by assurances that the specialized services that are needed can and will be provided or arranged for by the State while the individual resides in the NF.

**(o) Record retention.** The State PASARR system must maintain records of evaluations and determinations, regardless of whether they are performed categorically or individually, in order to support its determinations and actions and to protect the appeal rights of individuals subjected to PASARR; and

**(p) Tracking system.** The State PASARR system must establish and maintain a tracking system for all individuals with MI or MR in NFs to ensure that appeals and future reviews are performed in accordance with this subpart and subpart E.

### **483.132 Evaluating the need for NF services and NF level of care (PASARR/NF).**

**(a) Basic rule.** For each applicant for admission to a NF and each NF resident who has MI or MR, the evaluator must assess whether—

**(1)** The individual's total needs are such that his or her needs can be met in an appropriate community setting;

**(2)** The individual's total needs are such that they can be met only on an inpatient basis, which may include the option of placement in a home and community-based services waiver program, but for which the inpatient care would be required;

**(3)** If inpatient care is appropriate and desired, the NF is an appropriate institutional setting for meeting those needs in accordance with § 483.126; or

**(4)** If the inpatient care is appropriate and desired but the NF is not the appropriate setting for meeting the individual's needs in accordance with § 483.126, another setting such as an ICF/IID (including small, community-based facilities), an IMD providing services to individuals aged 65 or older, or a psychiatric hospital is an appropriate institutional setting for meeting those needs.

**(b) Determining appropriate placement.** In determining appropriate placement, the evaluator must prioritize the physical and mental needs of the individual being evaluated, taking into account the severity of each condition.

**(c) Data.** At a minimum, the data relied on to make a determination must include:

**(1)** Evaluation of physical status (for example, diagnoses, date of onset, medical history, and prognosis);

- (2) Evaluation of mental status (for example, diagnoses, date of onset, medical history, likelihood that the individual may be a danger to himself/herself or others); and
- (3) Functional assessment (activities of daily living).
- (d) Based on the data compiled in § 483.132 and, as appropriate, in §§ 483.134 and 483.136, the State mental health or intellectual disability authority must determine whether an NF level of services is needed.

(a) *Basic rule.* For each applicant for admission to a NF and each NF resident who has MI or IID, the evaluator must assess whether -

- (1) The individual's total needs are such that his or her needs can be met in an appropriate community setting;
- (2) The individual's total needs are such that they can be met only on an inpatient basis, which may include the option of placement in a home and community-based services waiver program, but for which the inpatient care would be required;
- (3) If inpatient care is appropriate and desired, the NF is an appropriate institutional setting for meeting those needs in accordance with § 483.126; or
- (4) If the inpatient care is appropriate and desired but the NF is not the appropriate setting for meeting the individual's needs in accordance with § 483.126, another setting such as an ICF/IID (including small, community-based facilities), an IMD providing services to individuals aged 65 or older, or a psychiatric hospital is an appropriate institutional setting for meeting those needs.

(b) *Determining appropriate placement.* In determining appropriate placement, the evaluator must prioritize the physical and mental needs of the individual being evaluated, taking into account the severity of each condition.

(c) *Data.* At a minimum, the data relied on to make a determination must include:

- (1) Evaluation of physical status (for example, diagnoses, date of onset, medical history, and prognosis);
- (2) Evaluation of mental status (for example, diagnoses, date of onset, medical history, likelihood that the individual may be a danger to himself/herself or others); and
- (3) Functional assessment (activities of daily living).
- (d) Based on the data compiled in § 483.132 and, as appropriate, in §§ 483.134 and 483.136, the State mental health or intellectual disability authority must determine whether an NF level of services is needed.

#### **483.134 Evaluating whether an individual with mental illness requires specialized services (PASARR/MI).**

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to identify the minimum data needs and process requirements for the State mental health authority, which is responsible for determining whether or not the applicant or resident with MI, as defined in § 483.102(b)(1) of this part, needs a specialized services program for mental illness as defined in § 483.120.

(b) *Data.* Minimum data collected must include—(1) A comprehensive history and physical examination of the person. The following areas must be included (if not previously addressed):

- (i) Complete medical history;
- (ii) Review of all body systems;
- (iii) Specific evaluation of the person's neurological system in the areas of motor functioning, sensory functioning, gait, deep tendon reflexes, cranial nerves, and abnormal reflexes; and
- (iv) In case of abnormal findings which are the basis for an NF placement, additional evaluations conducted by appropriate specialists.
- (2) A comprehensive drug history including current or immediate past use of medications that could mask symptoms or mimic mental illness.
- (3) A psychosocial evaluation of the person, including current living arrangements and medical and support systems.
- (4) A comprehensive psychiatric evaluation including a complete psychiatric history, evaluation of intellectual functioning, memory functioning, and orientation, description of current attitudes and

overt behaviors, affect, suicidal or homicidal ideation, paranoia, and degree of reality testing (presence and content of delusions) and hallucinations.

(5) A functional assessment of the individual's ability to engage in activities of daily living and the level of support that would be needed to assist the individual to perform these activities while living in the community. The assessment must determine whether this level of support can be provided to the individual in an alternative community setting or whether the level of support needed is such that NF placement is required.

(6) The functional assessment must address the following areas: Self-monitoring of health status, self-administering and scheduling of medical treatment, including medication compliance, or both, self-monitoring of nutritional status, handling money, dressing appropriately, and grooming.

**(c) Personnel requirements.**

(1) If the history and physical examination are not performed by a physician, then a physician must review and concur with the conclusions.

(2) The State may designate the mental health professionals who are qualified—

(i) To perform the evaluations required under paragraph (b) (2)-(6) of this section including the—

(A) Comprehensive drug history;

(B) Psychosocial evaluation;

(C) Comprehensive psychiatric evaluation;

(D) Functional assessment; and

(ii) To make the determination required in paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) **Data interpretation.** Based on the data compiled, a qualified mental health professional, as designated by the State, must validate the diagnosis of mental illness and determine whether a program of psychiatric specialized services is needed.

**483.136 Evaluating whether an individual with intellectual disability requires specialized services (PASARR/MR).**

(a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to identify the minimum data needs and process requirements for the State intellectual disability authority to determine whether or not the applicant or resident with intellectual disability, as defined in § 483.102(b)(3) of this part, needs a continuous specialized services program, which is analogous to active treatment, as defined in § 435.1010 of this chapter and § 483.440.

(b) **Data.** Minimum data collected must include the individual's comprehensive history and physical examination results to identify the following information or, in the absence of data, must include information that permits a reviewer specifically to assess:

(1) The individual's medical problems;

(2) The level of impact these problems have on the individual's independent functioning;

(3) All current medications used by the individual and the current response of the individual to any prescribed medications in the following drug groups:

(i) Hypnotics,

(ii) Antipsychotics (neuroleptics),

(iii) Mood stabilizers and antidepressants,

(iv) Antianxiety-sedative agents, and

(v) Anti-Parkinson agents.

(4) Self-monitoring of health status;

(5) Self-administering and scheduling of medical treatments;

(6) Self-monitoring of nutritional status;

(7) Self-help development such as toileting, dressing, grooming, and eating;

(8) Sensorimotor development, such as ambulation, positioning, transfer skills, gross motor dexterity, visual motor perception, fine motor dexterity, eye-hand coordination, and extent to which prosthetic, orthotic, corrective or mechanical supportive devices can improve the individual's functional capacity;

(9) Speech and language (communication) development, such as expressive language (verbal and nonverbal), receptive language (verbal and nonverbal), extent to which non-oral communication systems can improve the individual's function capacity, auditory functioning, and extent to which amplification devices (for example, hearing aid) or a program of amplification can improve the individual's functional capacity;

(10) Social development, such as interpersonal skills, recreation-leisure skills, and relationships with others;

(11) Academic/educational development, including functional learning skills;

- (12) Independent living development such as meal preparation, budgeting and personal finances, survival skills, mobility skills (orientation to the neighborhood, town, city), laundry, housekeeping, shopping, bedmaking, care of clothing, and orientation skills (for individuals with visual impairments);
- (13) Vocational development, including present vocational skills;
- (14) Affective development such as interests, and skills involved with expressing emotions, making judgments, and making independent decisions; and
- (15) The presence of identifiable maladaptive or inappropriate behaviors of the individual based on systematic observation (including, but not limited to, the frequency and intensity of identified maladaptive or inappropriate behaviors).

**(c) Data interpretation—**

- (1) The State must ensure that a licensed psychologist identifies the intellectual functioning measurement of individuals with MR or a related condition.
- (2) Based on the data compiled in paragraph (b) of this section, the State intellectual disability authority, using appropriate personnel, as designated by the State, must validate that the individual has MR or is a person with a related condition and must determine whether specialized services for intellectual disability are needed. In making this determination, the State intellectual disability authority must make a qualitative judgment on the extent to which the person's status reflects, singly and collectively, the characteristics commonly associated with the need for specialized services, including—
  - (i) Inability to—
    - (A) Take care of the most personal care needs;
    - (B) Understand simple commands;
    - (C) Communicate basic needs and wants;
    - (D) Be employed at a productive wage level without systematic long term supervision or support;
    - (E) Learn new skills without aggressive and consistent training;
    - (F) Apply skills learned in a training situation to other environments or settings without aggressive and consistent training;
    - (G) Demonstrate behavior appropriate to the time, situation or place without direct supervision; and
    - (H) Make decisions requiring informed consent without extreme difficulty;
  - (ii) Demonstration of severe maladaptive behavior(s) that place the person or others in jeopardy to health and safety; and
  - (iii) Presence of other skill deficits or specialized training needs that necessitate the availability of trained MR personnel, 24 hours per day, to teach the person functional skills.

**483.138 Maintenance of services and availability of FFP.**

- (a) **Maintenance of services.** If a NF mails a 30 day notice of its intent to transfer or discharge a resident, under § 483.12(a) of this chapter, the agency may not terminate or reduce services until—
  - (1) The expiration of the notice period; or
  - (2) A subpart E appeal, if one has been filed, has been resolved.
- (b) **Availability of FFP.** FFP is available for expenditures for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries during—
  - (1) The 30 day notice period specified in § 483.12(a) of this chapter; or
  - (2) During the period an appeal is in progress.