

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State: ALASKA

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

The State of Alaska makes an advanced group determination that specialized services are not needed under the following categories:

INDIVIDUAL WITH DEMENTIA IN COMBINATION WITH MENTAL RETARDATION: An individual with dementia, existing in combination with mental retardation or a related condition, does not need specialized services. The individual applicant must have a primary diagnosis of dementia as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 3rd Edition (DSM-III-R).

The State of Alaska makes an advanced group determination that under the following categories a PASARR Level II assessment is not required, but instead, in conjunction with the RAI/RAPS process, an assessment for specialized services of a lesser intensity will be performed based on the status of that person's physical health:

CONVALESCENT CARE: The individual is admitted directly to a nursing facility from a hospital for convalescent care for an acute physical illness different from the one that resulted in the initial hospital admission and is likely to require less than 90 days of nursing facility services.

TERMINAL ILLNESS: The individual's attending physician has certified before nursing facility admission that the applicant has an explicit terminal diagnosis.

SEVERE PHYSICAL ILLNESS: The individual experiences a severe physical illness that results in a level of impairment so severe that the individual needs nursing facility services, but can not be expected to benefit from specialized services of a higher intensity.