



## Nebraska PASRR Update

Nebraska Providers,

**The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and its contractor, Ascend, a MAXIMUS Company, are preparing to implement exciting changes to the Nebraska Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program.** The state has heard your concerns and addressed the need for a more efficient PASRR process. They have designed PASRR program updates that should improve your experience and [expedite the Level II determination process.](#)

### New State PASRR Leader

DHHS is delighted to introduce **Jude Dean**, RN, BSN, MS, the Division of Behavioral Health's new PASRR specialist. Jude holds bachelor's degrees in biopsychology and nursing and a master's degree in health care administration. She started her career at the State of Nebraska Division of Public Health in 2000 as the HIV/AIDS surveillance coordinator. She was promoted to the epidemiology and laboratory capacity grant manager within the Office of Epidemiology in 2003 and in 2011 she transferred to the Health Promotion Unit and served as the hepatitis program manager and CNE primary nurse planner. During that time she also served as President for the Association for Professional in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and worked weekends as an admissions nurse for a LTC facility that has instituted green house projects for their residents. She is excited to be in a position that combines her love of training, behavioral health and long term care. Her future plans include reaching out to facilities to assess capacity and training needs in order to better serve residents with serious mental illness, intellectual disabilities and related conditions.

### New Timeframe for PASRR Level II Evaluations

The state has decreased the turnaround time for PASRR Level II evaluations, from five business days down to just **three business days**. This change will go live July 1, 2016 and will expedite the Level II evaluation process when one is indicated for an individual seeking entry into a nursing facility.

**You play an important role** in ensuring the success of the new 3-day turnaround response time. Review the **"Go Fast" checklist** below to learn how you can ensure an efficient PASRR process:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Complete the PASRR Level I correctly.</b> The biggest issues can be corrected if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ List ALL medications (including OTCs). PLEASE NOTE: You must include the DOSAGE</li><li>+ List ONLY confirmed diagnoses from the H&amp;P (do NOT guess from medications)</li><li>+ Fill out the intellectual disability/related condition portion completely</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Correctly mark ALL functional limitations</li> <li>+ Submit and CONFIRM actual and accurate Social Security Numbers and dates of birth</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Submit a signed practitioner certification if the person meets criteria for an Exemption/Categorical decision.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Submit psychiatric evaluation if conducted during hospital stay.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Submit supporting documentation with the PASRR Level I to assist when a Level II is indicated.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ H&amp;P is federally mandated - a Level II cannot be completed without the H&amp;P.</li> <li>+ Medication Administration Reconciliation (MAR)/Med List</li> <li>+ Psychiatric evaluation</li> <li>+ OBRA 8 (Release of information form)</li> <li>+ Guardianship paperwork, if applicable</li> <li>+ Durable power of attorney paperwork, if applicable</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Use definitive diagnoses.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Provide thorough description of admission reason.</b>

The three-day Level II turnaround time will go into effect July 1, 2016, and Ascend assessors have already begun ramping up their assessment speed in preparation. There will be no other changes to the PASRR process.

Thank you for your assistance ensuring an efficient PASRR process for all!

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