

# APPENDIX J



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**SUBJECT:**

Revised Pennsylvania Preadmission Screening Resident Review Evaluation (Level II) Form (MA 376.2)

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue a revised Pennsylvania Preadmission Screening Resident Review Evaluation (Level II) Form (PA-PASRR-EV). The revised PA-PASRR-EV replaces the PA-PASRR-EV (Bulletin 55-14-02) dated March 1, 2014.

**SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to all agencies that perform Preadmission Screening Resident Review Evaluations (Level II) for individuals either prior to or after the individual is a resident in a Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled nursing facility.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1987, Congress enacted major nursing home reform legislation that affected all nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and MA Program as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA '87). OBRA '87, among other things, required the implementation of a preadmission screening program, applicable to all persons seeking admission to an MA certified nursing facility, regardless of payor source. The purpose of the preadmission screening is to determine whether an individual with mental illness (MI), intellectual disability (ID) or other related condition (ORC) requires nursing facility services and, if the individual does, whether the individual meets certain program office criteria and requires specialized services for their condition. See 42 CFR §§483.100 - 483.138. An MA certified nursing facility may not admit any new resident with MI, ID or ORC unless the Department of Human Services (Department) has determined and notified the nursing facility in a letter that the individual requires nursing facility services and, if the individual does, whether the individual meets program office criteria, and requires specialized services for MI, ID or ORC.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**

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A Level II assessment (PA-PASRR-EV) must be completed if the individual meets any of the program office criteria for MI, ID or ORC on the PASRR-ID Level I (MA 376) form. Modifications to the PA-PASRR-EV were made based on recommended changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department's program offices. There have been significant revisions to the form which is provided in this bulletin.

### **PROCEDURES:**

Beginning January 1, 2016, the revised PA-PASRR-EV (Level II) form must be completed if the individual is identified as meeting program office criteria on the PASRR-ID, has a change in condition, and is not an exceptional admission. The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or the Bureau of Quality & Provider Management, Division of Nursing Facility Field Operations is responsible for completing the PA-PASRR-EV (Level II) form, including the accompanying documentation and for forwarding the information to the appropriate program office. The program office will review the information to determine if the individual meets Nursing Facility Clinical Eligibility, program office criteria, and the need for Specialized Services. The program office will issue its decision to all appropriate parties through a Letter of Determination.

Failure to complete the PA-PASRR-ID and, when applicable, the PA-PASRR-EV prior to admission or on the day of admission will result in forfeiture of MA reimbursement to the nursing facility during the period of non-compliance in accordance with Federal PASRR Regulations at 42 CFR § 483.122.

Instructions for completing the revised PA-PASRR-EV are incorporated into the form and an instructional PA-PASRR-EV Level II Assessment webinar can be found at:  
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/longtermcarecasemixinformation/obratraininginformation/index.htm>.

The revised PASRR-EV Level II (MA 376.2 1/16) form may be printed at the following website:  
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/dhsassets/maforms/index.htm>.

If an individual meets the program office criteria on the PA-PASRR-ID Level I form completed on January 1, 2016 and thereafter the revised PASRR-EV Level II (MA 376.2 1/16) must be completed. Previous versions of the PASRR-EV Level II form are not acceptable beginning January 1, 2016.