



Date: February 8, 2019

To: Nursing Facility Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 19-03 —Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Nursing Facility Specialized Services and the Election of Hospice Services

A nursing facility (NF) designated resident is now eligible to receive hospice care and PASRR NF specialized services concurrently. A designated resident is a Medicaid recipient with an intellectual or developmental disability (ID or DD) who is 21 years of age or older and who is a resident of the NF. See Title 40 Texas Administrative Code §19.2703(9).

Effective February 1, 2019, the NF is responsible for the following actions and must hold a PASRR interdisciplinary team (IDT) meeting for a designated resident who elects hospice care. Because the hospice provider is the primary entity responsible for the individual's plan of care, the NF must notify and include the hospice provider, as well as the local intellectual and developmental disability authority (LIDDA), to the PASRR IDT meeting for a resident receiving hospice care.

When a NF admits an individual, who is PASRR positive for ID or DD and has elected hospice care:

- The NF must convene an IDT meeting after the LIDDA submits the PE and within 14 days after admitting the individual.
- The IDT will determine which specialized services the resident will receive.
- After the IDT meeting, the NF must submit the information from the IDT meeting on the LTC Online Portal.

When a previously admitted NF designated resident elects to receive hospice care:

- The nursing facility submits a Minimum Data Set (MDS) significant change in status assessment (SCSA) when the resident has elected hospice.
- Submission by the NF of the MDS SCSA Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) on the LTC Online Portal will notify the LIDDA that the designated resident has elected hospice care and that a resident review is required.
- NF convenes an IDT meeting within 14 days after the LTC Online Portal generates an automated notification to the LIDDA.

- The IDT will determine which specialized services the resident will receive
- After the IDT meeting, the NF must submit the information from the IDT meeting on the LTC Online Portal.

When the IDT agrees that a hospice recipient needs NF specialized services, the NF must submit prior authorization requests for all required assessments and NF specialized services via the Authorization Request for PASRR Nursing Facility Specialized Services (NFSS) form on the LTC Online Portal.

Please note, when a previously admitted designated resident elects to receive hospice care, all previous service authorizations for nursing facility specialized services (NFSS) end when the hospice care begins. Therefore, the NF must initiate the PASRR IDT process indicated above and submit new prior authorization requests for this resident to receive required assessments and NF specialized services.

For more detailed instructions on submitting requests for required assessments and NF specialized services on the NFSS form through the LTC Online Portal, please refer to the LTC User Guide for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) for Nursing Facilities available at www.tmhp.com and the [Item-by-Item Guide for Completing the Authorization Request for PASRR NFSS Form available on the HHS website](#).

For assistance with submitting the NFSS form, contact TMHP at 1-800-626-4117 and select option 1.

All inquiries regarding the content of this letter should be directed to the HHSC PASRR unit at 1-855-435-7180 or PASRR.Support@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

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What the new Hospice letter requires:

- If the NF has already inactivated a PL1 and PE for someone in hospice but still in the NF, new PL1s and PEs must be done. Then an initial PCSP/IDT must be held.
- IF the NF hasn't inactivated the PL1 and PE and the individual is in hospice, a new initial IDT on the PCSP form will need to be held.
- SS will be discussed and can be recommended based on the individuals needs and medical condition. Specialized services for now include NF and LIDDA SS. If final approval is given, it may also include LMHA/LBHA services. Notification will be provided of any further changes.

NFs will still submit requests for NF SS the same way they do now. No changes.

There will be a delay in the process of holding the LTCMI for lack of IDT meetings for hospice cases. This will give providers time to schedule meetings and enter data into the portal. We expect it to take several months before any LTCMI holds for hospice-missing IDTs will be implemented. Providers will be notified when this change is going to occur.