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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEAS GENERAL MEMORANDUM (GM)	
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SUBJECT:	Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASRR) Level 1 and Level 2 Post Public Health Emergency (PHE)
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## MEMORANDUM SUMMARY

The purpose of this memorandum is to:

• Provide statewide guidance to LTSS providers about PASRR requirements when the PHE comes to an end on May 11, 2023.

On March 23, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) received approval of its <u>1135</u> <u>Waiver</u> request from Medicaid. This approval provided authority for DHHS to suspend Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Level 1 and Level 2 Assessments.

BEAS released GM 20-12 on 03/30/2020 and GM 20-18 on 04/27/2020 that included guidance relating to these PASRR flexibilities during the Public Health Emergency (PHE).

These CMS blanket waivers and above mentioned GMs are expiring with the PHE on 05/11/2023. Hospitals, Nursing Facilities and contracted agencies should return to full pre-admission PASRR activities in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Volume 3, section 483.100 through 483.138 effective 05/12/2023.

New Hampshire providers should also expect a notice directly from KEPRO regarding PASRRs moving forward.

## Effective 05/12/2023 the PASRR requirements are:

- All Nursing Home admissions must have PASRR Level 1, and if needed, Level 2 completed prior to admission.
- Level 1 screening and Level 2 assessments are no longer waived for nursing home residents with a Mental Illness and/or Intellectual Disability.
- All new admissions to a nursing home are no longer treated like exempted hospital discharges.
- An interfacility transfer occurs when an individual is transferred from one Nursing Facility to another, with or without an intervening hospital stay. Interfacility transfers do not require a new PASRR unless there has been a significant change in condition. If the individual discharges to any community setting between NF stays, they are subject to PASRR Level 1, and if indicated, Level 2, for the new admission.

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