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**TO:** Hospitals and Long-Term Care Nursing Facilities

**SUBJECT:** Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE:** To Advise of Recent Changes to New Jersey's Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Process

**ACTION:** Section 1919(e)(7) of the Social Security Act and Chapter 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 483.100 through 483.138, specifies the requirement that before entering a Medicaid-certified nursing home, all individuals, regardless of payment source, must have a pre-admission Level 1 screening for mental illness and mental retardation. Federal regulations require that PASRR screenings take place prior to admission in order for a State to receive federal financial participation for Medicaid reimbursement of nursing home care.

Attached is the revised Level I PASRR Screening Tool (LTC-26). It can also be found on the Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) website at <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/apps2/forms/>. To ensure pre-admission screening is conducted prior to nursing home admission, it will be necessary for hospitals to initiate the completion of the PASRR screening as part of their discharge planning process. PASRR screening for nursing home admissions from other community settings will continue to be coordinated by nursing home staff.

The DHSS, Division of Aging and Community Services (DACS) has already begun training nursing home staff on the new PASRR process. DACS will contact both hospital and nursing home staff in the near future about upcoming training sessions on the revised PASRR process and forms. DACS will be coordinating these training sessions with the appropriate agencies that participate in the PASRR process.

If you or your staff have questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact DACS at 609-633-8604.

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