

Ohio Expedited Pre-Admission Screen

Frequently Asked Questions

Topic: Hospital Exemption

Q: Is it correct that psychiatric hospitals/units can no longer use the Hospital Exemption to discharge a patient to a nursing facility?

A: Yes. As of September 29, 2013 hospital exemption use is no longer permitted when a patient is discharging from a psychiatric hospital/unit to a nursing facility.

Q: Can the Hospital Exemption still be used from medical hospitals/units?

A: Yes. There are no restrictions from medical hospitals/units as long as all criteria are certified by the attending physician.

Q: What if a patient receives treatment on a medical and psychiatric floor of a hospital? Can they still use the Hospital Exemption?

A: As long as the discharge location is not the psychiatric floor/unit, use of the Hospital Exemption is permitted as long as all criteria are certified by the attending physician.

Topic: Expedited Process

Q: Is it correct that there will be an expedited process on PAS applications from psychiatric hospitals/units?

A: Yes. This process only pertains to PAS applications that originate from a psychiatric hospital/unit that is licensed or certified by OhioMHAS.

Q: Are there any exceptions when a 3622 originates from a hospital to receive the expedited process?

A: No. The expedited process is reserved for a targeted subset of applications that are true Pre-Admission Screens originating from psychiatric hospitals/units that are licensed or certified by OhioMHAS.

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Q: What was the time-frame from application to determination on expedited cases?

A: A best effort is being made to produce and annualized average turnaround time for these cases of 48 hours. There will be times cases are processed more quickly than this, and times outliers will take longer than this. Tips for assisting with the expedited process are contained in the presentation: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=766>

Q: Will using the electronic HENS/PASRR system assist hospitals in processing 3622's more quickly?

A: Yes. Use of the electronic system will process 3622's in real-time and make the entire process more efficient.

Q: What was the effective date of the expedited process?

A: The current planned date for implementation is November 16, 2014.

Topic: Pre-Admission Screen (PAS) or Resident Review (RR)

Q: What is the difference between a Pre-Admission Screen (PAS) and a Resident Review (RR)?

A: Primarily, a Pre-Admission Screen (PAS) applies to an individual seeking nursing facility placement for the first-time. These are individuals that come from a community-based setting, such as their own home/apartment, a group home, or an assisted living facility.

Resident Review (RR) applies to an individual who had been admitted to a nursing facility prior to being directly admitted to the hospital, without having been discharged to the community.

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Topic: PASRR & Level of Care (LOC)

Q: It was indicated in the presentation that there is no need to await the new PASRR & LOC determination for existing residents to return to the NF...what does this mean?

A: A previous PASRR approval remains intact when the resident returns to the same NF or different NF from the hospital. Although a new Resident Review must be submitted upon a change in condition, the receiving NF does not have to await the Resident Review results before admitting the patient. However, a new “desk review” LOC determination must be issued prior to the transfer from hospital back to NF.

The full in-person LOC assessment is not required. For regular Medicaid recipients, the local Area on Aging must be notified and would issue the desk review LOC, for MyCare Ohio Medicaid recipients, the patient’s MyCare plan must be notified and will issue the desk review LOC.

Q: What if a nursing facility resident is discharged from a nursing facility to a hospital and expires bed-hold days? Are they still a resident?

A: Yes. Residency status does not dissolve because of a technicality. As long as they have not returned to the community, they are a resident, subject to resident review.

Q: What if a nursing facility resident returns to the community? Do they still retain “resident” status?

A: No. A return to the community is a break in service and any future attempts to access nursing facility services will require a Pre-Admission Screen.

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Topic: Notification

Q: Who is responsible for completing the 3622 for nursing facility residents that discharge to a psychiatric hospital/unit for treatment?

A: Ohio Administrative Code clearly requires this task to be completed by the nursing facility in the case of resident reviews if the discharge is a change in condition. Completing and submitting the form upon change in condition is not optional.

Q: When will a hospital be required to complete the 3622?

A: The hospital discharge planner would typically complete and submit the 3622 for nursing facility admission (PAS). Submitting the 3622 electronically once this option becomes available will facilitate a faster turnaround time.

Q: What type of documents should a hospital include with a 3622 when seeking nursing facility placement?

A: PASRR will consider any documents that you believe demonstrate your patient needs nursing facility services. Though, NF placement is reserved for individuals who have a course of treatment focused functional limitations, skilled services, or diagnosed cognitive impairment outside of mental illness.

Also note that using the electronic HENS/PASRR system permits upload of documents and will eliminate the need to fax.

Q: Will we be able to check the status of a case after we submit the 3622? What about holidays and weekends?

A: Yes. During normal business days/hours, Ascend Management and OhioMHAS can be contacted for status checks and technical assistance. After hours and on holidays and weekends, technical assistance will be available by leaving a voice mail message to OhioMHAS PASRR.

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Status checks can also be made in the electronic HENS/PASRR system at any point after the application is completed.

Q: We normally fax 3622's to the PAA. Is it correct that 3622's will be faxed directly to Ascend Management?

A: The only 3622's that should be sent to Ascend Management are Pre-Admission Screen (PAS) applications from psychiatric hospitals/units. All other PAS applications should be submitted to Dept. of Aging as usual.

Topic: Miscellaneous

Q: What happens if a NF will not accept a former resident that is ready for discharge until the new PASRR process is complete?

A: There is no rule-based requirement that would prevent them from taking the resident. Some tips may be to locate another nursing facility, assure they are aware there is no requirement to await the new PASRR determination, or involve the Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Q: What if hospital staff are unsure that the Level II assessor is actually with Ascend and performing the assessment for the state?

A: All Ascend staff should present proper identification at the time of the assessment. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the hospital staff to facilitate the completion of the assessment if nursing facility services are being sought.

Q: Where can we find a copy of the presentation and slides?

A: OhioMHAS has an external website with all information:
<http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=766>

Q: Can we contact OhioMHAS if we have further questions?

A: Yes. Questions should be sent to: expeditedprocess@mha.ohio.gov

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Q: How will 3622's be processed when applying for nursing facility admission for an Ohio resident in an out-of-state psych hospital/unit?

A: Ohio residents in out-of-state psych hospitals/units have access to a categorical PAS determination, approving nursing facility placement for 7-days.