

Long-Term Care Services and Supports Transmittal Letter (LTCSSSTL) 13-08

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: John B. McCarthy, Director

DATE: September 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Changes to Hospital Exemption policy due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 59

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is in the process of amending Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules pertaining to the preadmission screening and resident review (PASRR) process in order to modify the hospital exemption policy. The changes to the hospital exemption policy are required in order to implement statutory changes made by Am. Sub. H.B. No. 59, which becomes effective September 29, 2013. The proposed PASRR rule amendments are scheduled to take effect on February 1, 2014. ODM is issuing this transmittal to communicate the statutory changes to the hospital exemption policy that take effect before the PASRR rule amendments will become effective.

Section 5119.40 of the Revised Code requires that a preadmission screening (PAS) be completed for certain individuals who previously were eligible for a hospital exemption from this process. This new PAS requirement applies to individuals who are being transferred or directly admitted to a nursing facility from a hospital that is either of the following:

1. A hospital that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) maintains, operates, manages, and governs under section 5119.14 of the Revised Code for the care and treatment of mentally ill persons; or
2. A free-standing hospital, or unit of a hospital, licensed by OhioMHAS under section 5119.33 of the Revised Code.

Therefore, individuals who are being discharged from a hospital or unit as described above, who are seeking nursing facility admission, will be subject to a PAS and will no longer be permitted a hospital exemption from the PAS process.

The PASRR rules that will be amended are:

- Rule 5101:3-3-14, entitled Preadmission screening (PAS) and resident review (RR) definitions.
- Rule 5101:3-3-15.1, entitled Preadmission screening (PAS) requirements for individuals seeking admission to nursing facilities (NFs).

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