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To: Skilled Nursing Facilities

From: IEHP – UM Department

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Subject: **UPDATE – PASRR Requirements for SNFs**

We would like to notify our Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) partners of the following requirements pursuant to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter (APL) 23-004, “**Skilled Nursing Facilities- Long Term Care Benefit Standardization and Transition of Members to Managed Care.**”

Federal law requires proper screening and evaluation before placement to prevent an individual’s inappropriate SNF admission and retention of individuals. **The Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) requirements are applicable for all Medicaid-certified nursing facilities for all admissions (regardless of payer source).** The PASRR process is required to ensure that individuals who may be admitted into a nursing facility for a long-term stay be preliminarily assessed for serious mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disability or related conditions. Managed Care Plans are required to work with DHCS and Network Providers, including discharging facilities or admitting nursing facilities, to obtain documentation validating PASRR process completions.

SNF Admissions from General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH)

As of May 1, 2023, all GACH are responsible for completing the Preadmission Screening (PAS) and submitting it to IEHP with the SNF referral to obtain prior authorization for the SNF stay. If the PAS results indicate that the Member is negative for possible serious mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disability or related conditions, the Member may then be considered appropriate for the requested SNF level of care, if medically justified.

The SNF is responsible for confirming that the PAS has been completed prior to admitting Members from a GACH setting. After admission, the SNF is responsible for completing the Resident Review (RR) and submitting this to IEHP along with the admission review, **via fax to your assigned IEHP Case Manager.** Claims payments to SNFs are approved only if there is documentation of a completed PAS prior to a Member’s SNF admission.

SNF Admissions from the Community

The SNF is responsible for:

- Completing the PASRR upon admission of a Member from the community setting.
- Providing a copy of the completed assessment, along with the admission packet, **via fax, to your assigned IEHP Case Manager.** Authorization for the stay will be provided only when the PASRR is completed and submitted to IEHP.
- Initiating a RR by submitting a Level 1 Screening to restart the PASRR process when there is a significant change in a SNF resident’s physical or mental health condition.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found at:

www.iehp.org > Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondence

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org