

# INDIANA PAS/PASRR REDESIGN: A First Look at Process & Procedure Changes

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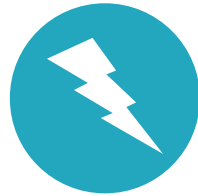
# HOUSE KEEPING

- Thank you for attending!
  - Administrator: Beth Fetzer
  - Presenters: Connie Tanner, Ascend PASRR Manager; Becky Koors, Division of Aging Transitions Director
- The webinar will last 1 hour
- All handouts/slides available in Handouts tab
- All lines are muted to ensure audio clarity
- Enter all questions into the Questions tab
- Q&A time is scheduled for the last 20 minutes

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE



**The Big Picture:**  
Transition Overview



**The Why:** The Power  
of PASRR



**Your Role:** Process  
Changes & Frequently  
Asked Questions



**Questions & Answers**



# THE BIG PICTURE: Transition Overview



# THE BIG PICTURE

## TRANSITION OVERVIEW

- Shift to Ascend's web-based PAS submission system
- The NF Level of Care assessment chosen by the DA is interRAI-HC tool
- PASRR Level I screening tool chosen by the DA is Ascend's Level I screening tool
- Both will be entered in Ascend's system
  - Some will be reviewed by Ascend clinicians



# THE BIG PICTURE

## WHO IS IMPACTED BY THESE CHANGES?

- *HOSPITALS*
- *AREA AGENCIES ON AGING*
- *NURSING FACILITIES*
- *LEVEL II ASSESSORS*

# TIMELINE

**VERY  
IMPORTANT!**

## TRANSITION TIMELINE:

### **January–April 2016: Intro Webinars**

*Webinar series providing overview of changes and a quick look at system*

### **May–June 2016: Training**

*Step-by-step instruction for all system users, providing what you need to know to complete your PASRR/LOC work*

### **July 2016: Go-Live**

*The new PASRR and NF PAS system will go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016*



# THE WHY: The Power of PASRR





THE  
POWER OF  
PASRR

## Structure & Purpose of PASRR

- Preadmission Screening & Resident Review (PASRR)
- Administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - Created in 1987
- Anyone in Medicaid-funded Nursing Facilities (NF) screened for:
  - Serious Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability/Related Condition
- Known/suspected condition = evaluation
  - To ensure NF is most appropriate placement
  - To ensure receipt of needed services

**Optimize an individual's  
placement success,  
treatment success, and  
QUALITY OF LIFE**

# How do we reach that goal?



**Identify the  
Person**



**Placement  
Meets Needs**



**Provide  
Needed  
Services**

(Source: Dan Timmel, CMS, 8-13-2006, 2013)



# THE POWER OF PASRR

## Nursing Facility Residents with Serious Mental Illness

- More likely to attempt suicide
- High levels of suicidal thoughts
- Indirect suicide; self-destructive behaviors
  - Refusing to eat
  - Refusing medication

(Thibault, O'Brien, & Turner, 2000)



# THE POWER OF PASRR

## Community & Nursing Facility

- 40% of NF residents with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) would rather be in community settings
- Community is the most appropriate placement for 50% of NF residents with SMI

(Bartels et al, 2003)



# YOUR ROLE: Process Changes & Frequently Asked Questions



# PROCESS CHANGES













Case Example: *Current  
Process (will be changing)*



# PROCESS CHANGES

Case Example: *New Process  
Beginning 7/1/16*



Scenario:	Submitting Entity:	Complete in AssessmentPro:	Upload* to AssessmentPro:	Changes From Current Process:
 <b>Individual seeking nursing facility admission from hospital (80%)</b>	 <b>Hospital</b>	 <b>PASRR Level I</b> Complete for all	<b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H&amp;P</li> <li>MAR</li> </ul> <b>If Applicable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychiatric Evaluation</li> <li>Cognitive Testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No 450B</li> <li>No submission to AAA</li> <li>No paper to pass on to nursing facility</li> <li>Data entry by discharge planner</li> <li>Quicker turnaround times</li> </ul>
		 <b>LOC Short Form</b> Complete for Medicaid recipients (and anyone who triggers a PASRR Level II)		
<b>Continued stay requests (LOC only)</b> <b>Resident becomes Medicaid eligible (LOC only)</b> <b>Change in Status</b> <b>Emergency admission</b> <b>Out of state admission</b> <b>Respite admission</b>	 <b>Nursing Facility</b>	 <b>PASRR Level I</b> Complete for change in status, emergency admits, and out of states	<b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H&amp;P</li> <li>MAR</li> <li>MDS (Resident Review Only)</li> </ul> <b>Helpful if Available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychiatric Evaluation</li> <li>Cognitive Testing</li> <li>Nursing/Progress Notes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No 450B</li> <li>No submission to AAA</li> <li>Less paper to maintain</li> <li><u>No e-450B system needed</u></li> <li>Data entry in system by nursing facility staff</li> <li>Quicker turnaround times</li> <li>No LOC decision required for non-Medicaid stays unless a Level II is triggered</li> </ul>
		 <b>LOC Long Form</b> Complete for Medicaid recipients		
		 <b>PathTracker</b> Complete for notice of admission and transfer to another nursing facility		
 <b>Individual seeking nursing facility admission from home</b>	 <b>Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</b>	 <b>PASRR Level I</b> Complete for all	<b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H&amp;P</li> <li>MAR</li> </ul> <b>If Applicable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychiatric Evaluation</li> <li>Cognitive Testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New LOC tool</li> <li>Standardized definition of options counseling that should be part of an at-home PASRR screening</li> <li>No paper to pass on to nursing facility</li> </ul>
		 <b>LOC Long Form</b> Complete for all		

\*Ascend clinicians may request additional documentation to be uploaded to AssessmentPro depending on individual's history

\*\* May take longer if submitting facility is not responsive to requests from Ascend clinicians for document uploads or additional information

## → Potential Outcomes/Timeframes:

### PASRR LEVEL I

- No suspicion of disability—**approval** for admission (*outcome issued instantly upon review*)
- Screen indicates **potential triggers** for Level II; Ascend clinician reviews Level I and issues outcome (*outcome issued in up to 6 hours after receipt of all documentation*)\*\*
- Suspicion of disability; **referred for Level II** onsite assessment (*outcome timeframe depends on state requirements*)

### LEVEL OF CARE

- Approved for long term (*outcome issued in up to 6 hours after receipt of all documentation*)\*\*
- Approved for short term (*outcome issued in up to 6 hours after receipt of all documentation*)\*\*
- Denied—will be referred to AAA

Approved as **Emergency Admission** (*outcome issued instantly upon review + look-behind review by Ascend clinician to ensure compliance*)

Approved as **Respite Admission** (*outcome issued instantly upon review*)

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## FAQ

- What happens outside of normal work hours (holidays/evenings/weekends)?
- What about emergency situations?
- How long will the PASRR Level I/LOC forms take to complete? How long will it take to get a decision?

# QUESTIONS?

Questions and corresponding answers gathered through webinars will be compiled into a “FAQs” resource and shared online.

These slides will be available at: [www.ascendami.com](http://www.ascendami.com)  
On the homepage, use the *Tools & Resources By State* dropdown and select Indiana PASRR

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[www.ascendami.com/ami/Providers/YourState/IndianaPASRRUserTools.aspx](http://www.ascendami.com/ami/Providers/YourState/IndianaPASRRUserTools.aspx)
- To sign up for Ascend PAS/PASRR Redesign email updates and training announcements:  
<http://tinyurl.com/INpasrrAscend>

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