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IHA has coordinated with the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) for a specialized hospital training webinar on the statewide transition of the federally mandated Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process to a new web-based management system, scheduled for implementation on March 14.

Click here to register for the training webinar on March 7 from noon to 1 p.m. The training webinar will focus on:

- An overview of the Illinois PASRR redesign and implementation, focusing on hospital requirements and responsibilities;
- How to register for the new web-based management system, AssessmentPro; and
- An open discussion period with HFS, the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and Maximus, the new state vendor that will administer the PASRR process. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the planned implementation.

All patients who apply for admission to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility (NF), regardless of a patient’s payer source, are required to receive an initial PASRR screening (i.e., a PASRR Level I Screen). The upcoming webinar will cover the PASRR admission requirement for Medicaid and non-Medicaid beneficiaries. If the NF that a patient will be admitted to is not Medicaid-certified, hospital staff does not need to submit a PASRR screening. Please refer to the IHA Memo released on Feb. 16 for a summary of the PASRR implementation, links to HFS Provider Notices on this issue, and previously offered Maximus training webinar opportunities.

Maximus has also provided the following step-by-step PASRR responsibilities for hospitals:

- As soon as admission to a NF is identified as necessary for a patient in a hospital, a PASRR Level I Screen should be submitted in AssessmentPro (for all patients, regardless of diagnosis, payer source, or location).
  - Hospital staff must log-in to AssessmentPro and submit a PASRR Level I Screen, which takes an average of 7-10 minutes to complete. Once the completed screen is submitted, the Level I outcome will be available in six business hours or less (business hours are 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.); 60%-70% of the time, the screening results will be available immediately.

- Based on the PASRR Level I Screen outcome:
  - If the screening outcome indicates that no known or suspected PASRR condition was found, or a categorical decision was granted, hospital staff provide the AssessmentPro screening results to the admitting NF.
  - If the screening outcome indicates a PASRR condition of mental illness, Maximus will conduct a PASRR Level II Assessment and results will be available via AssessmentPro within approximately 48 hours.
  - If the screening outcome indicates a PASRR condition of intellectual disability, developmental disability, or dual condition, DHS’ Division of Developmental Disabilities or the Independent Service Coordination agency will perform the PASRR Level II Assessment, as is the current process.
  - If a PASRR Level II Assessment is required, hospital staff shall provide the AssessmentPro outcome to the admitting NF. Patients cannot admit to a NF without a completed PASRR process (Level I and Level II, as needed).

For questions or comments on the upcoming program implementation, see the Illinois PASRR Tools and Resources webpage or contact the Maximus Illinois Help Desk at ILPASRR@maximus.com or (833) PASRR-IL (833-727-7745).

Contact us with any questions or comments.