

# Pre-Admission Screening (PAS)

**Important Notice:** All PASRR reviews need to be submitted via HENS in order to be valid. This change went into effect on 12/30/2019. Only a few, state approved exceptions requiring advance permission from Council on Aging are allowed.

## **What is a Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) and who needs one?**

Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) is the state-mandated screening for mental illness, intellectual disability, mental retardation, developmental disability, and "related conditions." It is part of the Ohio Administrative Code and can be found in 5160-3-15.1 at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac>. Everyone seeking admission to an Ohio Nursing Facility (NF) certified by Medicaid, regardless of payment source, is subject to PAS unless they meet the requirements for a [Hospital Exemption](#). PAS law is based on the federally mandated Social Security Act nursing home reform of 1987. The intent of PAS is to ensure individuals with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disability, and "related conditions" are appropriate for a NF stay. If individuals are considered appropriate for NF stay, the PAS process also ensure that they are receiving the appropriate services for their Serious Mental Illness or Developmental Disability.

## **How is the effective date of the Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) determined?**

A Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) effective date depends on when the request is complete and whether an individual requires a Further Review:

**For an individual who does not require a Further Review:** the PAS effective date is the day the submitter uses HENS to complete a PAS determination.

**For an individual requiring a Further Review:** the PAS effective date is the date of the "determination" by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services and/or Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. If the individual needed a Further Review through both OMHAS and DODD, the PAS is effective the date the second state authority made its determination.

It is important to closely read the determinations from OMHAS and DoDD, as they are more frequently giving time-limited approvals that require the NF to send another resident review in order to get additional time approved or to get a final approval. If the NFs don't follow those guidelines for time-limited approvals, they're often out of PASRR compliance that affects their LOC dates.

## **When can a Pre-Admission Screening be "back dated?"**

A Pre-Admission Screening cannot be "back dated"

## **When does a Pre-Admission Screening expire?**

- A Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) is good for one nursing facility admission and must be used within 180 days of determination. If an individual does not enter the NF within this timeframe, a new PAS is needed.
- If an individual's PAS was approved through OMHAS and/or DODD for a respite stay, the individual must enter the NF within 60 days of the determination.
- If an individual's PAS was approved through OMHAS and/or DODD for an emergency stay, the individual must enter the NF within 24 hours of the determination.
- If an individual's mental health status has changed since the PAS determination, a new PAS is needed.

### **Are old Pre-Admission Screenings still valid?**

- A Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) is used for one nursing facility admission, and follows the individual if they transfer to a different NF. If an individual returns to the community (other than just out on leave from a nursing facility), they need a new PAS with a Review Results letter to be re-admitted to a NF. If they use up their bed hold days while in the community, they need a new PAS to be re-admitted to a NF.
- In general, a PAS with a Review Results letter remains valid as long as an individual does not return to the community or does not have a "significant change in condition" related to "Serious Mental Illness" or mental retardation, a developmental disability, or a "related condition."
- An individual who was admitted to a NF prior to 1993 may have something on their chart called the "MI/MR." This is the former version of the PAS determination. It is still valid as long as the individual has not returned to the community or had a "significant change in condition" since the date of the MI/MR.

### **Is it true that the "short PAS" is only a myth?**

Yes. Some individuals incorrectly refer to the Hospital Exemption from Pre-admission Screening Notification/ JFS 07000 form as the "short PAS" or the "short PAS form." Keep in mind that this form is not just a different version of the form called the Pre-admission Screening/ Resident Review (PAS/RR) Identification Screen JFS 03622 that is used to request a Pre- Admission Screening or a Resident Review. The 7000 is a temporary exemption from the Pre- Admission Screening (PAS) process; it is not a PAS determination. This exemption is not considered a short PAS. Individuals must undergo either the PAS process or have a Hospital Discharge Exemption.

### **What should a NF do if there was no Pre-Admission screening?**

1. Make sure the individual was not a transfer from another Ohio NF.
2. Make sure the individual did not go from another Ohio NF to the hospital before coming to the current NF placement.
3. Make sure the individual was not admitted with a valid hospital discharge exemption from the PAS process.

4. Request the PAS as soon as possible. Use the HENS to submit for a PAS.