

## COVID-19 Guidance

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**Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) Program – Effective April 24, 2020 KDADS will be extending the suspension of the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process for an additional 30 days.**

**The suspension includes CARE Level I screens (columns A & B on the CARE form) and PASRR Level II evaluations.**

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to encourage social distancing and stop the spread of the pandemic, KDADS is providing guidance regarding the federal PASRR requirement. This guidance provides information to the four stakeholders who assist with the PASRR requirement.

**Area Agencies on Aging:** For the next 30 days, please focus on conducting The CARE Level I assessment. The assessments may be conducted by video conferencing. Please use code '9' on the clock draw as these will not be face to face.

**Trained Hospital Assessors:** For the next 30 days, the CARE Level I assessment is being suspended and does not need to be completed by trained hospital assessors, prior to admission to a Kansas nursing facility. That said, the hospital may feel free to contact the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to conduct a CARE Level I assessment, if that is the preference of the hospital.

**Kansas Medicaid Nursing Facilities:** For the next 30 days, the CARE Level I assessment and the special admissions are being suspended and do not need to be completed, prior to admission to a Kansas nursing facility. As such, a CARE Certificate is not required, upon admission. That said, the nursing facilities will need to contact the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to conduct a CARE Level I assessment if the resident will still reside in the nursing facility before the 30 day suspension is over. Please note you will still need to process the 2126 to be sent in to the clearinghouse for admissions and discharges as this guidance does not exclude that.

- Less than 30 day Admissions: Documentation does not need to be complete or sent to KDADS CARE, nor is a less than 30 day order needed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the identified facility past 30 days.
- Emergency Admission: Documentation does not need to be completed or sent to KDADS CARE, nor does an emergency order need to be completed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the identified facility past 30 days.
- Respite Stay Admissions: Documentation does not need to be completed or sent to KDADS CARE, nor does a respite order need to be completed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the identified facility past 30 days.

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- Terminal Illness Admissions: Documentation does not need to be completed or sent to KDADS CARE, nor does a hospice or terminally ill order need to be completed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the identified facility past 30 days.
- Out of State Admissions: Section A&B of the level I CARE Assessment does not need to be completed. The KDADS Fax Memo does need to be completed. Please send in the other states PASRR.

**Healthsource Integrated Solutions (HIS): For the next 30 days, the PASRR Level II evaluations are being suspended. After 30 days, Level II evaluations and Resident Reviews for mental health (MI) or intellectual disability (ID) will receive an evaluation as soon as resources become available. In the event that HIS in collaboration with the community mental health centers (CMHC) or community developmental disability organizations (CDDO) would like to complete the level II PASRR evaluation during this time even with the suspension the following is approved telecommunications from KDADS.**

1. Assessments may be completed using televideo consultations/telemedicine or telehealth services methods that meet the following criteria:
  - a. Comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
  - b. Such a process must provide interactive audio or video communications, permitting real-time contact between a distant provider, who is present and participating in the visit, and the individual receiving an appointment.

The exception granted through this guidance is effective through May 24, 2020, at which time the guidance will be revisited, as deemed necessary.

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