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Hello,

Advisory Council please forward to any person's you feel needs this information.

Greetings from the KDADS CARE Program. I have included the new CARE COVID-19 Guidance for July 2020 and a AAA phone list.

Please be advised, the CARE team will be in and out of the office due to COVID and we do not always have access to our phones. The best way to reach us is by email KDADS.CARE@ks.gov that email is checked every day by all of us.

Some of you may get this email more than once, because you are on several list or committees, bear with us.

The PASRR is NOW delayed until **August 21, 2020**. What does this mean for **nursing facilities and nursing facilities for mental health?**

- This means a resident may enter a nursing facility or a nursing facility for mental health without having a PASRR completed first, until August 21, 2020
- This means until August 21, 2020 you do not have to complete or send in special admissions, except for out of state PASRR, and we only need the other states PASRR and the KDADS Special Admission FAX memo, you do not have to complete section A&B.
- Once the resident enters the building, the AAA must be notified if there is not a PASRR already on file and if the person is going to be in the facility longer than 30 days from the date of admission to the NF/NFMH. The suspension of PASRR is only waived for a person to enter the nursing facility, they MUST have a PASRR on file to resident there. Please do not wait to notify the AAA, notify them once the person has admitted and IS going to stay.
- **IF the person is going to trigger a level II PASRR. The level I will need to be completed first. The release of information for the Level I assessment will need to be physically signed by the client, DPOA for healthcare, or Guardian. We are currently working on processing level IIs. We ask that the facilities please assist the AAA assessors in getting the level I's complete and getting signatures on the release of information and the certificate of CARE. IF your paperwork is NOT signed it is NOT complete and NO payment from Medicaid can be made and you WILL get tags from survey and certification upon survey's. So PLEASE assist the AAA in getting signatures.**

- If you already have a person in your facility that is a level II and their resident review is due, please complete the resident review checklist and submit all the paperwork to the KDADS CARE program. We are currently working on processing level II's.
- Please make sure you are in contact with the AAA for the level I, please let them know which staff is taking care of it, who they need to be calling, please return their calls, please work out dates and times with them and the family to get these completed.

HOSPITAL ASSESSORS:

- You may complete the assessment if you can, but you must also gather all the necessary documents for the level II
- If you do not want to complete the assessment you may call the AAA to come and do it for you, Phone numbers attached
- You may discharge a client to any NF or NFMH without having the Level I or Level II on file first until August 21, 2020.

SOME ISSUES PLEASE READ:

- **The PASRR is only waived so the person may enter the nursing facility without one, they still have to have one on file. We are discovering through medicaid, that some nursing facilities are NOT requesting a level I after the person has been admitted, this will delay or suspend your payment, please make sure you are calling the AAA to get one completed within 30 days from the date of admission.**
 - Do NOT wait until day 20, call as soon as you know they are staying.
 - The nursing facility is responsible to ensure the assessment is completed so please work with our assessors to get the assessment completed.
- **CMS has mandated that the PASRR assessments be face to face or with video so the assessor must see the clients face. KDADS is allowing the PASRR section (section B) of the Level I to be completed via video and the level of CARE portion of the level I assessment to be completed via phone.**
 - **This should help with the lack of equipment**
 - **This should help to not tie up staff on long assessment calls**
 - **PLEASE nursing facility staff and assessors work together to get these assessment accomplished.**
 - **PLEASE NOTE THE LEVEL II MUST BE COMPLETED ENTIRELY BY FACE TO FACE OR VIDEO ONLY.**
- **IF an assessment cannot be completed for any reason, the AAA assessors are to request an extension from the KDADS CARE Program via the email KDADS.CARE@ks.gov if a request is not on file, this can affect payment. Please AAA assessors DO NOT CANCEL the screen,**

simply request an exception and it can be done as soon as it is able to be.

- **Level II evaluators if the level II can't be completed face to face or via video please contact HIS and get an extension on file.**
- **Terminal Illness you may admit the person to your facility and call the AAA for the level I, if they are going to reside there within 30 days of the date of admission. There is no need to do the special admission at this time.**

If you have questions please let me know. I am not in the office, I do not have access to my phone. You can reach me by email at KDADS.CARE@ks.gov or by my work email listed below.

Thanks guys, Have a great week.

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