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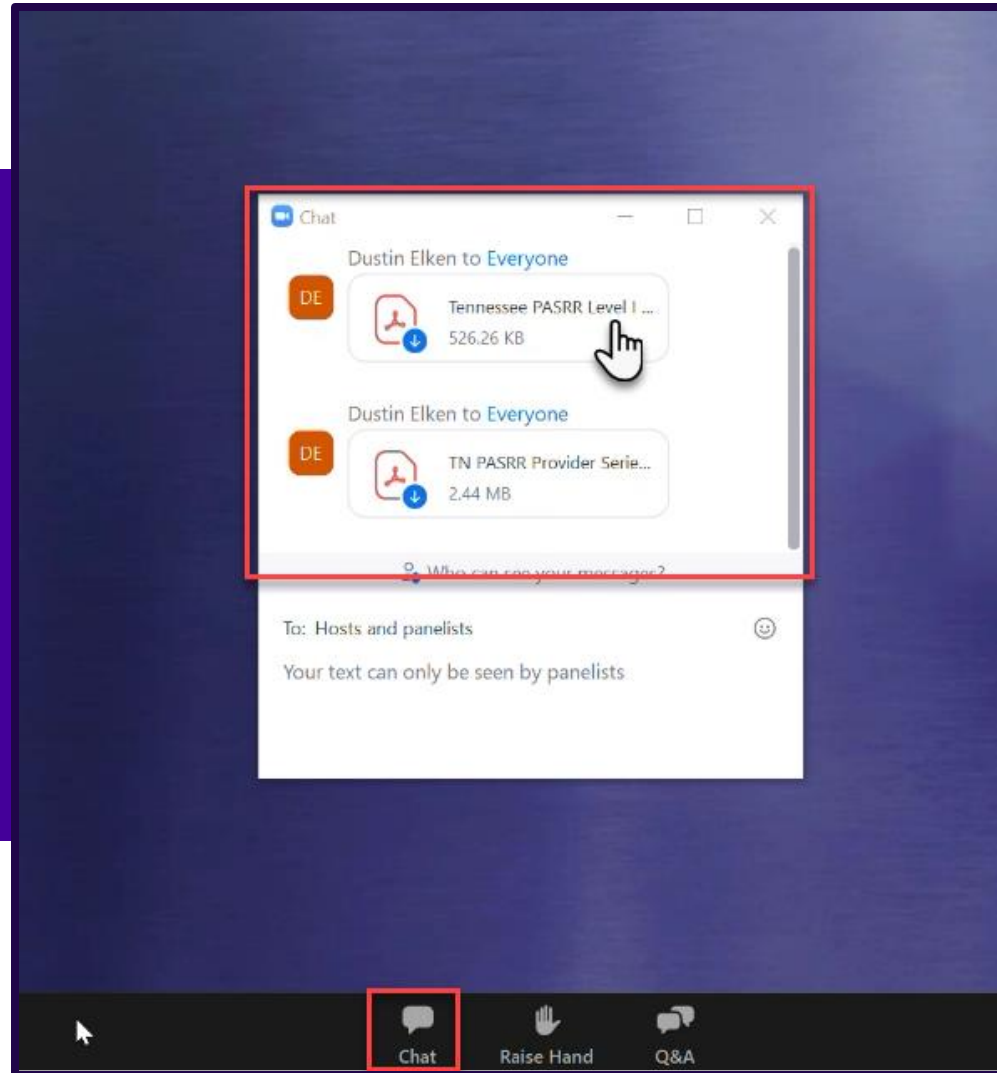
# TN PASRR TRAINING SERIES

Hospital Exemption, Categorical  
Determinations & Status Change

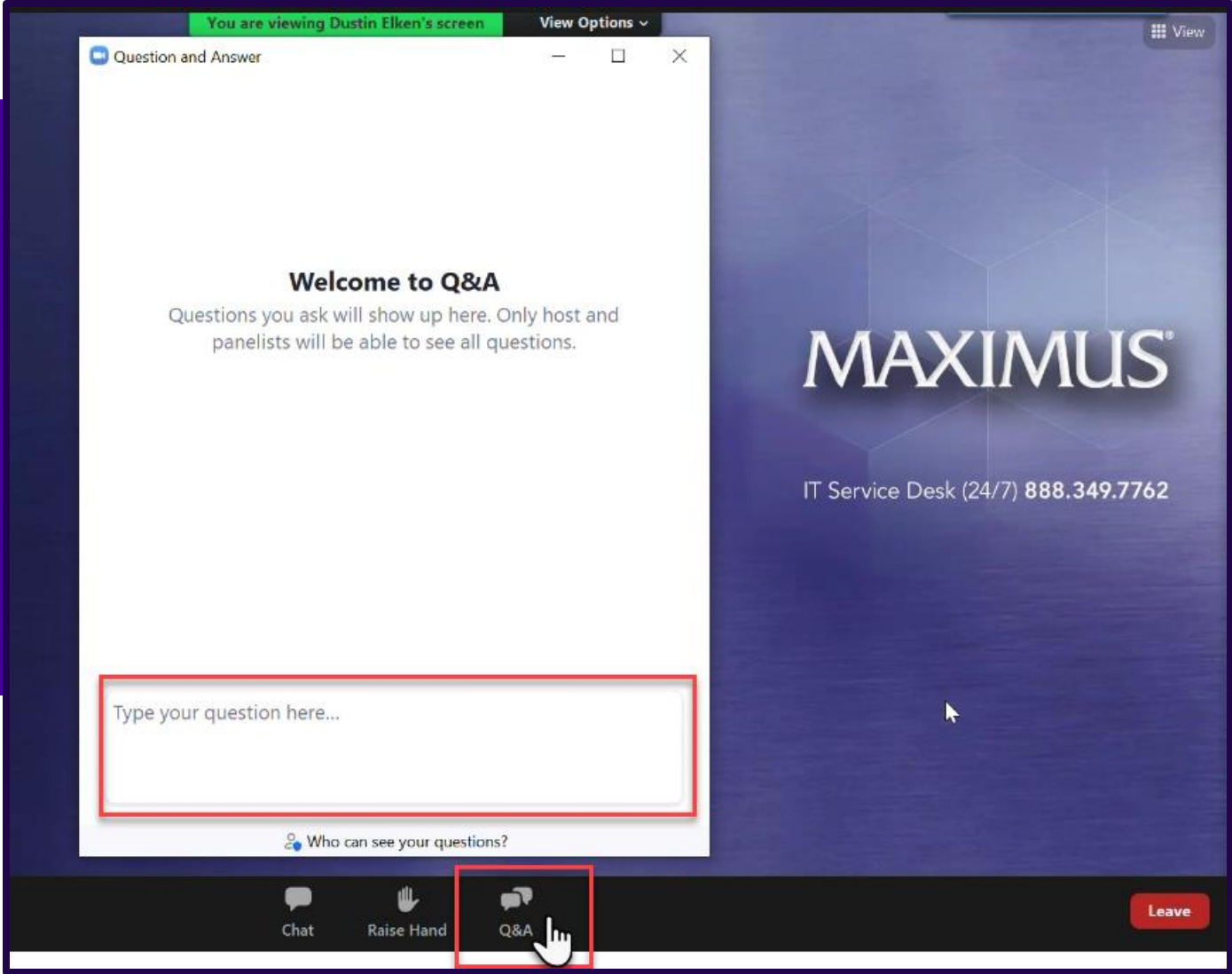
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# Accessing Handouts



# Sending Questions



# Introductions



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# LEVEL I DETERMINATIONS

# Level I Determinations

Negative screen = no PASRR condition

- This is an Approved PASRR
- They Can Admit to the NF
- 73% of the time the Negative Screens are Web Approved
- Level I Clinicians also issue negative screens and these may include service identification

**Refer for Level II =  
known/suspected  
PASRR condition  
Requires onsite Level II**

# Categoricals and Exemptions

- Has/suspected PASRR condition
- Psych Stable
- Meets specific criteria



# Categoricals and Hospital Exemption

Exempted  
Hospital  
Discharge  
(30 days)

Respite (Up  
to 30 days)

Severe  
Physical  
Illness

60-day  
Convalescent  
Care

Terminal  
Illness (up to  
6 months)

Dementia &  
ID

# Exempted Hospital Discharge (30-day approval)

- Must be currently admitted to medical hospital
- Must be going to NF for treatment of the condition for which they were hospitalized
- Expected to need NF for no longer than 30 days
  - If likelihood of over 30-day admission, not eligible for EHD
- Must have PASRR condition
- Requires documentation:
  - Physician Attestation
  - Current H&P and other medical documentation to support exemption
  - Psych consult, if completed

# Hospital Exemption Practice

## Scenario 1

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Ms. Olsen has a diagnosis of Psychotic Disorder and is currently medically admitted for a Urinary Tract Infection (UTI). Hallucinations and excessive irritability are noted. There is no documentation submitted. Is Ms. Olsen appropriate for the Exempted Hospital Discharge?

- No. Documentation is needed, current H&P, MAR, and MD cert form.

# 60-Day Convalescent Care

- 60-day approval
- Must have PASRR condition; psychiatrically/behaviorally stable
- Must be currently admitted to medical hospital
- Must be going to NF for treatment of the condition for which there were hospitalized
- Expected to need NF for no longer than 60 days (If likelihood of over 60 day admission, not eligible for Convalescent)
- Requires documentation
  - Physician Attestation
  - Current H&P & other medical documentation to support exemption
  - Psych consult, if completed

# 60 Day Convalescence Practice

## Scenario 1

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Ms. Williams is medically admitted. She is post op for a hip fracture with a diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder and is stable on her medications which includes Effexor 300 mg, Sertraline 100mg, and Seroquel 50 mg. The H&P, medication list, and MD certification have been received. Is Ms. Williams appropriate for the 60-day Convalescence approval?

- Yes, she is medically admitted, has a PASRR condition, and the MD has certified she will need less than 60 day in the NF.

# Respite

- Must have a PASRR condition
- Time limited approval to provide respite to in home caregivers
  - Approval is good for up to 30 Calendar days.
- Individual will return home following brief stay

# Respite Practice

## Scenario 1

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Mr. Bass is medically admitted with a CVA and is needing assistance with all ADL's. His diagnoses include Depression, Bipolar Disorder, and Major Depressive Disorder. Medications include Depakote 500 mg, Ativan 1 mg, and Seroquel 400 mg. His affect is flat but stable and he denies any suicidal or homicidal ideations at this time. Is Mr. Bass appropriate for a Respite stay?

- No, Respite is not available from the hospital setting. Mr. Bass may qualify for a 30 or 60 Day Hospital Exemption after all documentation has been received due to his PASRR diagnoses.

# Terminal Illness

- Must have a PASRR condition
- Terminally ill with life expectancy of less than 6 months
- Time limited stay – 6 months
- Requires nursing care or supervision due to his/her physical condition
- Requires documentation
  - Physician Attestation
  - Current H&P and other medical documentation to support exemption



# Terminal Illness Practice

## Scenario 1

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Mr. Lincoln is currently at home with hospice. He has diagnoses of Schizophrenia and Dementia. His family is requesting to place him long-term in a facility as he was given a prognosis of life expectancy of 6 months or less, per the H&P. The MD certification form is present. Is Mr. Lincoln appropriate for a Terminal Illness Exemption (180 days)?

- Yes, he has a PASRR condition, and the MD has certified that he has 6 months or less of life expectancy.

# Severe Physical Illness

Physical illness so severe cannot participate in specialized services consider:

- Coma
- Ventilator dependence
- Functioning at brain stem level
- Diagnoses of:
  - COPD
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Huntington's disease
  - ALS
  - Congestive heart failure
- Must have a PASRR Condition and requires documentation – physician attestation and current H&P & other medical documentation to support exemption

# Severe Physical Illness Practice

## Scenario 1

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Mr. Simpson has a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) at age 10 with functional limitations in learning, understanding/use of language, and capacity for independent living. He is currently medically admitted for pneumonia. He was previously on mechanical ventilation, however, has progressed back to his baseline of being able to nod yes/no to answer questions. Is he appropriate for a Severe Physical Illness Exemption?

- No, since he can nod yes and no to questions, he will be able to participate in a LII Evaluation and this will need a LII Onsite Evaluation completed.

# Dementia and Intellectual Disability (ID)

- Progressed Dementia and ID
  - Advanced and unable to participate in specialized services
- Report method of diagnosis
- Must include documentation supporting diagnosis and stage of disease

# Dementia and ID Practice

## Scenario 1

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Ms. Kingston has a diagnosis of Dementia. She is currently medically admitted for physical aggression and excessive irritability. The payer source was submitted as Medicaid, and it should be Medicare. Is she appropriate for Dementia and ID Exemption?

- No, the payer source was entered incorrectly, and a new LI screen must be submitted.



Remember,  
Everyone  
receives a  
Level I

# Specialized Services

## Examples:

- Partial Hospitalization
- Peer Recovery
- Psychiatric Evaluation and medication
- Mental Health Counseling
- Socialization
- Training in Community Living Skills
- Dental or Vision evaluation
- Higher Education and Training
- Assistance with Conservatorship and Counseling
- Pre-Vocational Services
- Development of Person-Centered Plan and Support Initiatives
- Employment Training and Technical Assistance for individual diagnosed with ID/DD who desire to transition to Community
- Behavioral Health Crisis Services
- Transition to Community Living
- In Home personal care visits
- Adult Day Care
- Assistive Technology

These are just some examples; all specialized services should be individualized based on individual preference and need.



# RESIDENT REVIEW & SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN STATUS



# Status Change Process

1. **Submit a new Level I to initiate the process**



2. **Level II completed**

- Level II not always required; only if PASRR condition exists or suspected



4. **Revise care plan based on findings and arrange/discontinue identified services, as appropriate**



3. **New summary of findings generated**

# Status Change – with No Existing PASRR Condition

1

Exhibits behavioral, psychiatric, or mood related symptoms suggesting the presence of MI where dementia is not the primary diagnosis

2

ID/RC not previously identified and evaluated through PASRR

3

For NF residents who are psychiatrically hospitalized and plan to return to NF

# Status Change – If PASRR Condition is Present

1

Increased behavioral, psychiatric, or mood-related symptoms

2

Behavioral, psychiatric, or mood related symptoms that have not responded to ongoing treatment

3

Improved medical condition such that the plan of care or placement recommendations may require modifications

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Physical change with behavioral, psychiatric, or mood-related symptoms, or cognitive abilities, that may influence adjustment to an altered pattern of daily living

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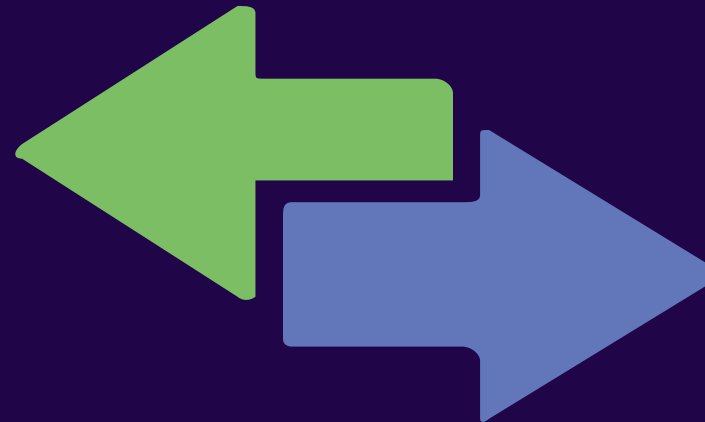
Indicates a preference to leave the facility

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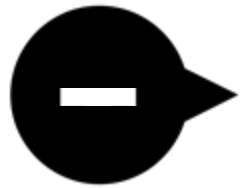
Condition or treatment is or will be significantly different than described in the resident's most recent PASRR Level II evaluation and determination

# Relationship Between PASRR & LOC

The LOC helps establish medical necessity which is one of the four PASRR questions of what is the most appropriate placement for this person?



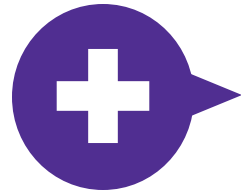
# PASRR Flow Charts



**Negative PASRR**



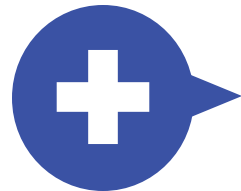
PAE in PERLSS if Medicaid pending or Medicaid receiving



**Positive PASRR**



Level of Care submitted to Maximus



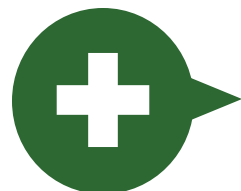
**Positive PASRR**



Level of Care submitted as non-Medicaid



PAE in PERLSS if they become Medicaid pending or Medicaid receiving



**Positive PASRR**



Level of Care submitted as Medicaid



Done. No further action required unless LOC is denied

# PHE Ended on May 11, 2023



## MEMO

**DATE:** February 21, 2023

**TO:** Medicaid Nursing Facility (NF) Providers  
Tennessee Hospitals  
TennCare Health Plans

**FROM:** Karen Gonzales, RN, BSN Assistant Deputy of LTSS Clinical Operations

**CC:** Katie Moss, Chief of LTSS  
Kristeena Ashby, Senior Assistant Deputy Chief of LTSS Operations

**SUBJECT:** **30-day PASRR Waiver Update --End of Public Health Emergency**

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Effective December 22, 2020, as part of Tennessee's COVID-19 related 1135 Emergency Waiver pertaining to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), all new Nursing Facility admissions were allowed to apply the 30-day PASRR waiver approved by CMS. To date, this has allowed all new NF admissions to be treated like exempted hospital discharges through the PHE.

The Department of Health and Human Services is planning for the federal PHE for COVID-19 to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. **Based on this information, the 30-day PASRR suspension period will terminate on May 11, 2023.** Starting on May 12, 2023, all PASRR processes must resume with full compliance with federal PASRR processes. Although May 12, 2023 is the date required for compliance, we encourage all entities to begin re-implementing PASRR processes in order to ensure all staff is trained on PASRR requirements and processes prior to May 12, 2023.

# In-Person Assessments

## PASRR In Person Assessments

With the end of the PHE on May 11, 2023, virtual assessments will no longer be an option.

The State of Tennessee PASRR Assessments will be completed In Person only effective May 12, 2023.

# Resources & Help

<https://maximusclinicalservices.com/>

- State User Tools
- How to complete PASRR Level I screen instructional video
- <https://maximusclinicalservices.com/svcs/tennessee>

## Tennessee PASRR Helpdesk

- Maximus-TNPASRR@maximus.com | 833.617.2777

## TennCare

- LTSS website: <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports.html>
- LTSS Training site: <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/partners-program-updates/ltss-training.html>

## TennCare Help Desk

- 1-877-224-0219



# Tools & Resources Updates

## Maximus.com

- <https://maximusclinicalservices.com/svcs/tennessee>

### NEW RESOURCES

- [TN DIDD Website](#)
- [TN Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

\*ATTN Providers - Scroll down for new helpful links under *Provider Tools*.

Are you a master's level clinician or Registered Nurse with behavioral health experience interested in working with our TN PASRR program? Contact our Recruiting team to learn more: [Recruiting@maximus.com](mailto:Recruiting@maximus.com)

**Attention Providers:** If you would like access to complete Level I Referrals, please call 833.617.2777 or email the Help Desk: [Ascend-TNPASRR@maximus.com](mailto:Ascend-TNPASRR@maximus.com).

[System Log In](#)

### Provider Tools

Department of Housing and Development Press Release - 8.24.22 - NEW [↗](#)

ABLE Age Adjustment Act Advocacy Toolkit Overview - NEW [↗](#)

TN Commission on Aging and Disability - NEW [↗](#)

DIDD Conservatorship Information Packet - NEW [↗](#)

H.R.454 - Protect Patriot Parents Act - NEW [↗](#)

Council on Developmental Disabilities - Supported Decision Making - NEW [↗](#)

TN Employment Pathways - NEW [↗](#)

H.R.2373 - Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act - NEW [↗](#)

Tennessee Believes Program - NEW [↗](#)

TennesseeWorks - NEW [↗](#)

# Available Maximus Resources

## Announcements

Feb 23, 2023

TN PASRR Program - Event Announcement: Register for Important PASRR Training Sessions in April



Jan 26, 2023

TN PASRR Program - Quarterly Newsletter: Important Helpful Provider Tools & Resources

Sep 19, 2022

TN PASRR Quarterly Newsletter: Important Process Training Sessions Throughout October | Review Train Site

## Resources

PTAC Director's Corner: Why HIPAA is Not a Barrier to Getting PASRR Done [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR Glossary of Terms [↗](#)

2022 Announcements - Archive [↗](#)

2021 Announcements - Archive [↗](#)

2020 Announcements - Archive [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR Level I Assessment Tool [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR Transfer Discharge Notice [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR Satisfaction Survey - Updated 9.14.21



## Guides & Forms

Tennessee PASRR Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR System Training Checklist [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR PAE Certification Form [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR Practitioner Certification Form [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR Document-Based Review Form [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR - Hospital User Guide [↗](#)

Tennessee PASRR - Nursing Facility User Guide [↗](#)

# 2024 Training Dates


- 2024 Training Dates will be posted after the first of year.

# Training Evaluation Form:

Please take the time to complete the Training Evaluation Form that will appear after closing this webinar session.

**Use this link to access a certificate of participation:**

<https://maximus.surveymonkey.com/r/TNPASRRProviderCert2023>



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS