

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Brenda James

From: Jan Polatty
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 5:41 PM
To: Deirdra Singleton; John Supra; Roy Hess; Melanie Giese; SAM WALDREP
Cc: Brenda James
Subject: FW: State specific PASRR reports from CMS
Attachments: Review_of_State_Policies_and_Procedures_1May2012.pdf; PASRR State Review Cover Ltr 5-2-2012.doc

FYI – Bren, please log. Thanks, Jan.

From: Andrea Maresca [mailto:andrea.maresca@namd-us.org]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 4:16 PM
To: Jan Polatty
Cc: Abby Kahn; Kathleen Nolan; Matt Salo
Subject: State specific PASRR reports from CMS

To All Medicaid Directors:

We wanted to alert you that you will shortly be receiving information from your Regional Office about CMS' review of state Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program designs.

Each Medicaid Director will receive your individual state report with a cover letter and the national report (attached are the national report and a state review template). In addition, they are being sent to each State Developmental Disabilities Services Director and State Mental Health Authority Director, since they also have statutory responsibility for PASRR. The specific state fact sheets with item level detail are only released to each state. CMS will use that information in its TA and oversight, but not make it public.

CMS informed NAMD that they are giving states 30 days to digest the information about their programs before states face inquiries. To ensure states are allotted this time, CMS has asked that you not distribute this information prior to the public release next month.

States agencies will have 60 days (with some flexibility if needed) to jointly review the documents, assess your state PASRR program (making use of any federal technical assistance you may require), and respond through the state Medicaid agency with your conclusions about what your state needs to do to bring the PASRR program up to standards and to be more effective. CMS also will request that you indicate if the report does not accurately reflect your current practice.

Take away from the national report:

According to the national report, most state PASRR program designs are not comprehensive. CMS indicated that the review you will receive is the current step in increased CMS assistance to states and oversight of PASRR. The agency acknowledges that there is a long way to go in working with states to most appropriately serve individuals with LTC needs who have mental illness, intellectual disability, or related conditions. CMS also is advising states that the agency may publish more state-specific detail in its next review of state PASRR programs.

Please feel free to contact me if NAMD can be of further assistance on this issue.

-Andrea

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