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To: Acute Care Hospitals

From: IEHP – UM Department

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Subject: UPDATE: PASRR Requirements for GACHs

We would like to notify our General Acute Care Hospital (GACH) partners of the following requirements pursuant to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter (APL) 23-004, **“Skilled Nursing Facilities- Long Term Care Benefit Standardization and Transition of Members to Managed Care.”**

Federal law requires proper screening and evaluation before placement to prevent an individual’s inappropriate skilled nursing facility (SNF) admission and retention of individuals. The Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) requirements are applicable for all Medicaid-certified nursing facilities for all admissions (regardless of payer source).

The PASRR process is required to ensure that individuals who may be admitted into a nursing facility for a long-term stay be preliminarily assessed for serious mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disability or related conditions. Managed Care Plans are required to work with DHCS and Network Providers, including discharging facilities or admitting nursing facilities, to obtain documentation validating PASRR process completions.

As of May 1, 2023, all GACHs are responsible for completing the Preadmission Screening (PAS) and submitting it to IEHP with the SNF referral to obtain prior authorization for the SNF stay. Please contact your hospital’s assigned IEHP Care Manager to confirm the mode of sharing the PAS.

If the PAS results indicate that the Member is negative for possible serious mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disability or related conditions, the Member may then be considered appropriate for the requested SNF level of care, if medically justified.

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