

Informational Memo

From: Secretary Tim Keck, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)

Date: March 10, 2017

Re: Payment Policy Change and CARE Level I Process

This memorandum provides direction concerning Nursing Facility payment through KanCare. Effective May 1, 2017, Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will no longer be able to reimburse Nursing Facilities for Medicaid Residents unless they have proper KMAP coding of **Level of Care Description** as “Nursing Facility.”

To review the PASRR / CARE Level I Procedures for Nursing Facilities please visit <https://www.kdads.ks.gov/provider-home/care-provider-information>. The procedure addresses (a) Less than 30-day admissions, (b) Emergency Admissions, (c) Out of State Admissions, (d) Terminal Diagnosis Admissions. If the appropriate procedure is not followed by the Nursing Facility, a lack of proper coding of the PASRR / CARE Level I will result in the delay or denial of reimbursement.

Nursing Facilities can verify that a beneficiary is coded properly through KMAP by ensuring the **Level of Care Description** is coded as “Nursing Facility” in KMAP. Beneficiaries will be coded “Nursing Facility” after the following has occurred:

1. A Nursing Facility has followed the PASRR/CARE Level I Procedure (see above)
 2. The ADRC has entered the completed CARE Level I information
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3. The Hospital Assessor has submitted a completed CARE Level I information to KDADS for data entry
 4. The Nursing Facility has notified KDHE via Form 2126 of admission into the Nursing Facility
 5. KDHE has requested/received CARE information from KDADS

If Nursing Facilities have questions regarding the status of a Level of Care description within KMAP they may contact KMAP Provider Customer Service at 800-933-6593. If there are questions specific to the CARE Level I process please contact Ellen Bartz at 785-368-7323. Please email CARE inquiries to KDADS.CARE@KS.GOV.

Further information regarding access to resident information on KMAP is available at <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/>. Further information and training on the CARE/PASRR process is available at <https://www.kdads.ks.gov/provider-home/care-provider-information>.

Sincerely,
Tim Keck
Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services