

COVID-19 Guidance

Date: **Monday, February 22, 2021**

Time: **10:00am.**

Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) Program – Effective January 22, 2021 KDADS will be extending the suspension of the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process for an additional 30 days ending **March 20, 2021.**

The suspension is that a PASRR is not needed to admit to a Kansas Nursing Facility for the next 30 days.

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to encourage social distancing and stop the spread of the pandemic, KDADS is providing guidance regarding the federal PASRR requirement. This guidance provides information to the four stakeholders who assist with the PASRR requirement.

Executive Summary:

- 1. This guidance extends the existing PASRR suspension through March 20, 2021.**
- 2. Health and Human Services have extended the Public Health Emergency (PHE) giving KDADS the ability to continue with suspension of PASRR. Health and Human Services is making every effort to assure states will have ample planning time to return to pre-PHE activities once a decision is made to terminate or let the declaration expire. Once the PHE expires KDADS will not have authority to suspend the PASRR program. KDADS continues to encourage to plan toward returning to normal processes.**
- 3. The guidance below has been condensed to reflect current processes. There are no substantive procedural changes from previous guidance.**

Area Agencies on Aging and Trained hospital assessors: For the next 30 days, business as usual.

- The release of information and the certificate of CARE MUST be physically signed. They may only be signed by the client, **Active** durable power of attorney for healthcare or Guardian.
- If the AAA assessor is unable to complete the CARE Level I for any reason please submit a request for extension to KDADS.CARE@ks.gov it will be assumed this assessment will be completed as soon as it is able or as soon as possible. Do not cancel the assessment, just request an extension and hold it until it can be completed.

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Kansas Medicaid Nursing Facilities: For the next 30 days, the PASRR is being suspended and does not need to be completed, prior to admission to a Kansas nursing facility. As such, a CARE Certificate is not required, upon admission. **That said, the nursing facilities and nursing facility for mental health will be required to contact the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to conduct a CARE Level I assessment within 30 days from the date of admission to your facility.** Please note you will still need to process the 2126 to be sent into the clearinghouse for admissions and discharges as this guidance does not exclude that.

- Less than 30-day Admissions: Documentation does not need to be complete or sent to KDADS CARE, nor is a less than 30-day order needed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the nursing facility past 30 days, from the date of admission.
- Emergency Admission: Documentation does not need to be completed or sent to KDADS CARE, nor does an emergency order need to be completed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the nursing facility past 30 days, from the date of admission.
- Respite Stay Admissions: Documentation does not need to be completed or sent to KDADS CARE, nor does a respite order need to be completed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the nursing facility past 30 days, from the date of admission.
- Terminal Illness Admissions: Documentation does not need to be completed or sent to KDADS CARE, nor does a hospice or terminally ill order need to be completed for PASRR. Contact the local AAA if the client will reside in the nursing facility past 30 days, from the date of admission.
- Out of State Admissions: Section A&B of the level I CARE Assessment does not need to be completed. The KDADS Fax Memo does need to be completed. Please send in the other states PASRR.
- Please assist the AAA and the level II PASRR evaluators in completing these assessments, please help them get signatures when needed, and assist in video conferencing so the assessment can be completed.
- The nursing facility will be responsible to ensure that all their residents have a PASRR CARE Level I on file by the end date of the suspension.
- The Level II Resident Review is NOT suspended.
- If your facility is in need of technology equipment please go to the KDADS website www.kdads.ks.gov/ and locate the grant information from CMS regarding technology equipment.

Healthsource Integrated Solutions (HIS): For the next 30 days, business as usual.

- If the level II PASRR cannot complete within the allowed timeframe, an extension should be requested from Healthsource Integrated Solutions. There is a form that is to be completed and the extension will be approved or denied by KDADS.

The exception granted through this guidance is effective through March 20, 2021.

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