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MassHealth has issued a [Nursing Facility Provider Bulletin 141 \(November 2018\)](#) outlining the updated Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process and [new PASRR Level I Form](#). MassHealth has also provided a ["Notification of Referral" template](#) that referring entities can use to inform members who screened positive for ID/DD or SMI that they have been referred to DMH and/or DDS. The updated PASRR process and use of new Level 1 Form are effective November 13th.

Over the last year, Mass Senior Care members have actively participated in on-going discussions with MassHealth regarding the new PASRR 1 Form. While many of Mass Senior Care's recommendations were included in the revised form, we continue to work with MassHealth and other stakeholders to ensure a smooth implementation and that, importantly, facilities have adequate information from acute care hospitals to properly complete PASRR 1 Form. In its October 19th webinar, MassHealth indicated that enforcement for PASRR compliance will not take effect immediately.

Member facilities are urged to please familiarize themselves with the new PASRR Level 1 Form and the process to:

- Understand the roles of nursing facilities, ASAPs, and hospitals and learn how to complete the new PASRR Level I Form
- Comply with 130 CMR 456.410 of the Nursing Facility Manual and avoid denial of MassHealth payment

PASRR training materials, including the MassHealth webinar video can be found on the MassHealth LTSS Provider Portal [here](#).