



COMMISSIONER  
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To: Nursing Facilities (NF)  
Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 2010-45  
Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal Enhancements (for NF/Hospice Providers)  
Effective May 21, 2010

This letter is to inform Nursing Facilities (NFs) and Hospice Providers that effective May 21, 2010, the following enhancements will be made to the Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal.

Enhancement #1. Applied Income (AI) checks

An Applied Income (AI) check will be performed on all Form 3619 Medicare/SNF Patient Transaction Notices (Admissions, Discharges and Deceased) submitted on the LTC Online Portal. While in the AI check process, the form will be set to the status "Pending Applied Income."

The form will remain in status "Pending Applied Income" until AI is confirmed or for six months from the time the form enters the Medicaid ID check process, whichever comes first. Providers should contact their Medicaid Eligibility workers for assistance to enter the missing AI amounts.

If AI is NOT confirmed within six months from the time the form enters the Medicaid ID check process, it will be set to the status "AI Check Inactive." Providers will have the option to reactivate a form in the "AI Check Inactive" status by clicking on the 'Reactivate Form' button at which time the form will restart the AI check process.

Enhancement #2. Significant Change Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review (PASARR) (PASARR)/Purpose Code F

The Option "F: Significant Change PASARR" will be removed from the drop-down box on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) section, Purpose Code (PC) field (S1e).

In addition, PC F will no longer auto-populate on the LTCMI section of MDS Comprehensive assessments with Reason for Assessment (AA8a = 3) indicated as Significant Change in Status Assessment (SCSA). The LTCMI PC field (S1e) of an MDS Comprehensive assessment with Reason for Assessment SCSA will be disabled to prevent data entry of this field since submission of a PC E or M is not allowed on a SCSA.

Enhancement #3. Additional fields will auto-populate on the PASARR Screening

Currently, when a valid combination of data is entered in the "Recipient" section of the Submit Form page, the system auto-populates the following fields on the PASARR:

- Individual Name (AA1a, AA1b, AA1c)
- Birth Date (Section AA3)

- Medicare Number (AA5b)
- Medicaid Number (AA7)
- DADS Vendor/Site ID Number (S1c) \*
- Contract/Provider Number (S1d) \*
- NPI Number (S1a) \*

With this release, the following additional fields will now be populated when using the auto-populate function to complete the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASARR) Screening:

- Individual Address (S8a)
- City (S8b)
- State (S8c)
- ZIP code (S8d)

All of the fields above, with the exception of those denoted with an asterisk, will remain editable after being auto populated. If the system does not find a match, no information will be auto populated outside of the information entered into the "Recipient" section on the Submit Form page.

Enhancement #4. 60-day grace period related to a Change of Ownership (CHOW)

A 60-day grace period for submission of the MDS and Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) when a Change of Ownership (CHOW) or new ownership has occurred will be allowed. Facilities will have 60 days from the date the first MDS assessment is successfully submitted on the LTC Online Portal with the new contract number to submit an MDS assessment in "Awaiting LTC Medicaid Information" status without requiring a PC E or M. DADS will pay the calculated RUG rate (instead of the PC E rate) for the MDS assessments submitted during the 60-day period that the new provider is able to submit MDS assessments.

For questions regarding these updates, please contact Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1.

Sincerely,

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