

OBRA 1987 Process for Admissions into Nursing Facilities

In accordance with the Medicaid Nursing Facility Provider Manual (Chapter E, Page 89) "Evaluation of Persons with Mental Illness", a physician (including board certified or board-eligible psychiatrist) or a certified health services provider in psychology must conduct the psychiatric portion of the Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR), as required in OBRA 87. A board-certified or board-eligible psychiatrist must countersign the evaluation if it is not completed by a physician or certified psychologist.

Also listed on Chapter E, Page 89 of the Medicaid NF Provider Manual, there is no standard format for the PASRR evaluations. However, the federal criteria is described and must be included at a minimum.

The statistics that are most recent are the screenings completed for entry into nursing facilities from July 2007 through April 2008. There were 16727 full screenings for entry into a nursing facility and 1013 level II screenings for presence of mental health conditions and mental retardation conditions together.