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## Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Requirement for Admitting Members to Skilled Nursing Facilities

Dear provider: Effective May 1, 2023, the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) is required to obtain and review Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) documentations from all General Acute Care Hospitals or Skilled Nursing Facilities as part of the prior authorization request review process. A PASRR will be used to determine if members with serious mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities or related conditions require nursing facility services or specialized services.

This is achieved by completing the PASRR process. The PASRR process consists of a Level I Screening, Level II Evaluation, and a final determination. HPSM will confirm a PASRR was completed before approving the prior authorization request for a Skilled Nursing Facility stay. **SNFs are discouraged from accepting and admitting members without a completed PASSR as they will be expected to submit the documentation with their prior authorization request.**

Visit DHCS' website on Preadmission Screening and Resident Reviews and documentation here: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/PASRR.aspx>

Read more about this requirement here:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-004.pdf>

Questions about PASRRs can be directed to [PASRR@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PASRR@dhcs.ca.gov). All other questions can be directed to HPSM Provider Services at [PSInquiries@hpsm.org](mailto:PSInquiries@hpsm.org).

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,  
The Health Plan of San Mateo