

To: All Nursing Facility Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
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Re: New Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Vendor

This provider bulletin is being issued to inform all Medicaid certified Nursing Facilities of the upcoming change for the vendor providing the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) required for each resident in a Medicaid certified facility.

NEW PASRR VENDOR INFORMATION

Kepro is Nebraska's new Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) vendor.

Beginning January 1, 2021, PASRR Level I screenings and Level II PASRR evaluations and determinations must be completed in Kepro's online provider portal. The process will be electronic and will provide for instant Level I results and timely Level II outcomes. Facilities will be able to view all PASRR reports for their respective residents in the portal as well as have the ability to print the reports to store in the residents' nursing home files.

Kepro's provider portal will be available for submissions beginning January 1, 2021. Kepro will be providing comprehensive training to assist providers in registering and use of the new portal. The portal will be available starting December 1, 2020 in order to allow facilities to register for training. The portal can be found at <https://portal.kepro.com>. Facilities can also visit the Kepro website at <http://NEPASRR.kepro.com> to register for training.

For more information regarding training dates and times, please contact Kepro at 833-840-9945, visit the Kepro website, or, by email at NEPASRR@Kepro.com.

Training dates scheduled as of the time of this bulletin are as follows:

- **Nebraska Health Care Association Members**
 - December 9, 2020 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm CST
- **Nebraska Hospital Association Members**
 - December 8, 2020 from 9:00am to 10:00am CST
 - December 9, 2020 from 10:00am to 11:00am CST
- **LeadingAge Nebraska**
 - December 9, 2020 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm CST
- **Additional Dates**
 - December 10, 2020 from 8:00am to 9:00am CST
 - December 11, 2020 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm CST
 - December 14, 2020 from 10:00am to 11:00am CST
 - December 17, 2020 from 9:00am to 10:00am CST
 - December 21, 2020 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm CST
 - December 22, 2020 from 9:00am to 10:00am CST
- **League of Human Dignity and Area Agency on Aging Employees**
 - December 15, 2020 9:30am to 10:30am CST
 - December 16, 2020 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm CST

OUTGOING PASRR VENDOR INFORMATION

Through December 31, 2020, PASRR Level I screenings and Level II PASRR evaluations and determinations must continue to be completed in the Maximus/Ascend Assessment Pro website.

It is important to note that if a resident has a short-term Level II PASRR expiring in early January 2021, the facility should keep in mind the typical referral time-period to ensure a timely referral to the appropriate PASRR vendor. It is **best practice** for facilities to refer a new PASRR seven to ten days prior to the expiration of the short-term PASRR to avoid a gap in payment.

For example, if a Level II PASRR expires January 4, 2021, best practice would be to refer for a new PASRR on approximately December 23, 2020 (allowing time for the Christmas holiday).

If you have questions regarding this provider bulletin, please contact Dawn Sybrant at (402) 471-9678 or dawn.sybrant@nebraska.gov. This Provider Bulletin applies to all Medicaid certified nursing facilities.

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