

PURPOSE: The purpose of the "Training Today Newsletter" is to provide assistance and support for TPAES users submitting PAE applications. We also use this notification to communicate upcoming LTSS initiatives and to describe how those may affect your daily practices. Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains vital information for all TPAES users.

Attention! Attention!

Tennessee will transition its Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program to a new Level I process beginning December 1. Ascend, a MAXIMUS Company, is the state's PASRR vendor, and will begin processing Level I screens on that date. These Level I screens and subsequent Level II if necessary are federally required to occur **before** an individual admits to a nursing facility. Effective December 1st, providers will no longer utilize TPAES when submitting Level I PASRR screens. Providers will utilize Ascends' web based screening system at that time. For more information visit the link below.



PASRR Training

Ascend will continue to train providers on PASRR changes throughout the month of November. These trainings will include webinars and monthly newsletters. The webinars will provide an overview of the PASRR process, procedures, and system use. The dates for system use webinars are 11/11 and 11/15. Ascend video training and user guides will available online on 11/15. In addition, the newsletters are used to announce training opportunities and share important information. The link to access these training resources is below.

Introducing...T-MED

We are pleased to announce TennCare will be replacing our existing PAE system (TPAES) with an updated platform called the T-MED System.

T-MED (Tennessee Medical Eligibility Determination)

T-MED is user friendly and will streamline PAE application and program enrollment processing. You will begin hearing more about these changes as T-MED is scheduled to go live the first half of 2017.

PASRR Training Resources

To access the webinars, user guides, and sign up for Ascends' newsletter click this link: <https://www.ascendami.com/ami/Providers/YourState/TennesseePASRRUserTools.aspx>

To register to become an Ascend TN PASRR System Administrator click this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNADMINREG>

PASRR: Changes Ahead

- The Level I PASRR decision will now be completed by Ascend; the screening for this review will no longer be entered into TPAES. Instead, screeners will use Ascends' web based screening portal (PathTracker).
- Automatic web approval of the Level I occurs in approximately 65% of submissions.
- For results that are not automatic, it will take about 6 hours to receive a Level 1 decision from the time a complete screening is received.
- Ascend will use a new comprehensive Level I screening tool.
- Changes in Categorical Determinations- ability to pick from the following: Exempted Hospital Discharge (30 days), 60 day Convalescent Care, Respite, Terminal Illness, Severe Physical Illness, Dementia and ID .
- Who will the PASRR changes affect? This change will impact hospitals, nursing facilities, MCOs, and AAADs.
- Who To Contact for PASRR Guidance on December 1st?
Ascends' Help Desk: 1-877-431-1388 ext. 3495 or TNPASRR@ascendami.com

NOTE: Ascends' Help Desk will not be staffed until Dec. 1