



NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE ASSESSMENTS PROGRAM BULLETIN

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To: Skilled Nursing Facilities, County Public Health Nursing Offices

From: Tyler Deines, Community-Based Services Administrator

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Subject: Level of Care Assessments for Nursing Facility Admissions

Purpose: To provide information and direction to skilled nursing facilities (including swing beds) and the County Public Health Nursing Offices on changes to level of care assessment referral policies related to nursing facility admissions.

Background: The LT101 Level of Care Assessment instrument was developed by the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing (the Division) to establish standardized methods for measuring an individual's level of functional impairment and to ensure the statewide consistency in the level of care evaluation process. The information obtained using the LT101 Level of Care Assessment instrument is used in the Division's determination of whether an individual requires, or continues to require, the services or level of care provided in a nursing facility. This determination is used in the consideration of eligibility for certain Wyoming Medicaid long-term care programs and services.

Policy Change: The following revisions to the LT 101 Procedure and Guidance Manual (rev. 7/1/17) are effective immediately upon release of this bulletin:

- Page 5: "Purpose: Public Health Nurses shall complete LT101 assessments for the Department for the following purposes:
 - A. ~~For the assessment of an individual's current functional status used by the Department in making a nursing facility level of care determination. This determination is used in consideration of eligibility for applicable Wyoming Medicaid long-term care services and programs. For evaluation of nursing home residents, proposed residents who seek nursing home Medicaid coverage, proposed clients of Community Choices Waiver (CCW HCBS); and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).~~
 - B. ~~For the evaluation of individuals identified by a Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I Screening to require a PASRR Level II screening. Evaluating for the functional necessity component of Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II screenings."~~

- Page 11: "**LT101 TYPES- NURSING FACILITY AND SWING BED**

Eligibility	Applicant or Client is entering a nursing facility or swing bed and/or applying for Medicaid. (always associated with Medicaid)
Admission	Entering a nursing facility or swing bed and not currently applying for Medicaid.
Level II PASRR	The LT101 request is for part of the Level II PASSR requirement.
Continued Stay (6 month review)	Current Medicaid client in NF. The LT101 is completed 6 months from the Eligibility LT101 for that NF.

Procedure or Information: The Division will no longer refer LT101 Level of Care Assessment requests to the County Public Health Nursing Offices for the purposes of nursing facility admission unless the individual to be assessed is a current Wyoming Medicaid member or has applied for Wyoming Medicaid coverage. Nursing facility residents who apply for Medicaid coverage of nursing facility services at a later date may be assessed as an “Eligibility” assessment type upon submission of that application.

LT101 Level of Care Assessment requests submitted by nursing facility personnel must continue to indicate whether the individual to be assessed is a current Wyoming Medicaid member or has applied for Wyoming Medicaid.