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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: **Nursing Facilities and Hospitals**
SUBJECT: **Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review Updates**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is announcing a policy update regarding Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) procedures. The memorandum of agreement (MOA) previously required to complete the PASRR Level I Screening form will no longer be required for nursing facilities and hospitals effective for dates of service on and after Feb. 1, 2026. All responsibilities, expectations and procedural guidance previously outlined in the MOA have been fully integrated into the [Nursing Facilities Services](#) and [Hospital Services](#) provider manuals. This will ensure a single, centralized location for all operational and compliance-related information.

Additionally, SCDHHS has updated its PASRR Level I Screening form to improve clarity and ensure compliance with current federal and state requirements. Effective Feb. 1, 2026, all new submissions must use the revised version. Forms submitted using the outdated version after Feb. 1, 2026, will be returned for resubmission.

The updated PASRR Level I Screening form and applicable policies will be added to the Nursing Facilities Services and Hospital Services provider manuals by Feb. 1, 2026.

SCDHHS will host webinars to provide more information about this policy update. Registration is required and can be completed by clicking on the links below:

- Jan. 27, 2026, 10–11 a.m.
 - <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/600b61e2-d71d-4a06-907a-943e8f980822@45843448-87c2-4911-a7e2-1079f0f4aac3>
- Jan. 29, 2026, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
 - <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/03bb0073-3cc6-4b42-9e5f-70860fc5c68e@45843448-87c2-4911-a7e2-1079f0f4aac3>

South Carolina's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) are responsible for the authorizations, coverage and reimbursement related to the services described in this bulletin for members enrolled in an MCO.

Providers should direct questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center (PSC). PSC representatives can be reached at (888) 289-0709 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Providers can also submit an online inquiry at <https://www.scdhhs.gov/providers/contact-provider-representative>.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

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