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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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To: CT Nursing Facilities

From: Kathy Bruni, Manager Alternate Care Unit
Department of Social Services

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Cc: Mark Schaefer, Acting Director of Medical Care Administration
Michael Starkowski, Commissioner

Date: January 29, 2010

RE: ASCEND PASRR and Level of Care Contract Implementation

As you are aware, the Department of Social Services has entered into a contract with Ascend, a nationally recognized leader in the federally mandated Preadmission Screening Resident Review Program (PASRR). The implementation is scheduled for February 1st. The implementation plan has been modified to address concerns raised by nursing homes. Among these modifications, only designated pilot nursing home facilities will be required to use the on-line PASRR process. The purpose of this memo is to outline the immediate changes.

All facilities

- You should expect to receive a PASRR Level I approval from Ascend for all direct admissions from a hospital. You should also expect to receive a Level of Care approval for hospital discharges who have had a Level II screen and for persons age 65 and over who are Medicaid active, eligible or pending.
- If you receive a Level of Care approval from Ascend, you can submit that approval to the DSS district office Medicaid worker with the W-352 when you are seeking Medicaid payment. This will replace the W10 review process. District office staff should be aware of this change.
- Please note that some clients requiring Level II screens will not have a face to face evaluation in the hospital by Ascend reviewers between February 1-15. In these instances, Ascend will approve the admission per above. They will conduct a follow up visit with the resident to complete a thorough review once the resident has been admitted to your facility.
- There are no changes in the process for persons with developmental disabilities. The Department of Development Services will continue to conduct the Level II approvals for their clients.

Non-pilot facilities

- Unless you are participating in the pilot, you will not be required to use the on-line PASRR process for community admissions, change of condition, or when

seeking Medicaid payment for an existing resident. In these instances, you should follow existing procedures.

Pilot facilities

- Over 40 nursing facilities have agreed to pilot the new PASRR procedures effective February 1, 2010. A list of these facilities is attached.
- For community admissions, change of condition, or when seeking Medicaid payment for an existing resident from the community, pilot facilities will need to utilize the on-line PASRR and Level of Care process consistent with the training.
- Facilities that are participating in the pilot must complete the Level of Care tool provided by Ascend either on-line or on paper and submit it to Ascend for approval. Once the written approval is received, it should be forwarded to the district office eligibility worker in lieu of the W10.

Please be assured that the Department recognizes that this is a period of transition. The Department in no way intends to penalize facilities for difficulties that arise during this implementation phase. Additional training will be offered on February 17th and 18th. Please go to Ascend's web site www.pasrr.com to register.

For any questions regarding the new processes and procedures, please contact Ascend's Help Desk either by phone at 877-431-1388 or via email at cthelpdesk@ascendami.com. You may also contact Kathy Bruni at 860-424-5177 or by email at Kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov

Facility Name	Street	City	State	Zip	Phone
Apple Rehab Avon	220 Scoville Road	Avon	CT	06001	(860) 673-3265
Apple Rehab Colchester	36 Broadway	Colchester	CT	06415	(860)537-4606
Apple Rehab Farmington Valley	269 Farmington Ave.	Plainville	CT	06062	(860) 747-1637
Apple Rehab Guilford	10 Boston Post Road	Guilford	CT	06437	(203) 453-3725
Apple Rehab Laurel Woods	451 North High Street	East Haven	CT	06512	(203) 466-6850
Apple Rehab Middletown	600 Highland Avenue	Middletown	CT	06457	(860) 347-3315
Apple Rehab Mystic	28 Broadway	Mystic	CT	06355	(860) 536-9655
Apple Rehab Shelton Lakes	5 Lake Road	Shelton	CT	06484	(203) 924-2635
Apple Rehab Watertown	35 Bunker Hill Road	Watertown	CT	06795	(860) 274-5428
Apple Rehab West Haven	308 Savin Avenue	West Haven	CT	06516	(203) 932-6411
Chesterfields Health Care Center	132 Main Street	Chester	CT	06412	(860) 526-5363
Cocomo Memorial Health Center	33 Cone Avenue	Meriden	CT	06450	(203) 238-1606
Elm Hill Nursing Center	45 Elm Street	Rocky Hill	CT	06067	(860) 529-8661
Gardner Heights, Inc.	172 Rocky Rest Road	Shelton	CT	06484	(203) 929-1481
Hewitt Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc.	45 Maltby Street	Shelton	CT	06484	(203) 924-4671
Kent, LTD, The	46 Maple Street	Kent	CT	06757	(860) 927-5368
Ledgecrest Health Care Center, Inc	154 Kensington Road, P.O. E.Kensington	Kensington	CT	06037	(860) 828-2566
Orchard Grove Specialty Care Center	5 Richard Brown Road	Uncasville	CT	06382	(860) 848-8466
Ridgeview Health Care Center, Inc	156 Berlin Road	Cromwell	CT	06416	(860) 635-1010
Rose Haven, Ltd.	31 North Street, P.O. Box 15	Litchfield	CT	06759	(860) 567-9475
Saybrook Health Care Center	1775 Boston Post Road	Old Saybrook	CT	06475	(860) 399-6216
Watrous Nursing Center	9 Neck Road	Madison	CT	06443	(203) 245-9483
Westfield Care and Rehab. Center	65 Westfield Road	Meriden	CT	06450	(203) 238-1291
Wolcott Hall Nursing Center, Inc	215 Forrest Street	Torrington	CT	06790	(860) 482-8554

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Abbott Terrace Health Center	44 Abbott Terrace	Waterbury	CT	06702	(203)755-4870
Bayview Health Care Center	301 Rope Ferry Road	Waterford	CT	06385	(860) 444-1175
Beacon Brook Health Center	89 Weid Drive	Naugatuck	CT	06770	(203) 729-9889
Cherry Brook Health Care Center	102 Dyer Avenue	Canton	CT	06019	(860) 693-7777
Countryside Manor	1660 Stafford Avenue	Bristol	CT	06010	(860) 583-8483
Glastonbury Health Care Center	1175 Hebron Avenue	Glastonbury	CT	06033	(860) 659-1905
Laurel Ridge Health Care Center	642 Danbury Road	Ridgefield	CT	06877	(203) 438- 8226
Litchfield Woods Health Care Ctr.	255 Roberts Street	Torrington	CT	06790	(860) 489-5801
Maefair Health Care Center, Inc	21 Maefair Court	Trumbull	CT	06611	(203) 459-5152
Meadowbrook of Granby	350 Salmon Brook St.	Granby	CT	06035	(860) 653-9888
Middlesex Health Care Center	100 Randolph Rd.	Middletown	CT	06457	(860) 344-0353
Northbridge Health Care Center	2875 Main Street	Bridgeport	CT	06606	(203) 336-0232
Shady Knoll Health Center, Inc	44 Skokorat Street	Seymour	CT	06483	(203) 881-2555
Sheriden Woods Health Care Center	321 Stonecrest Drive	Bristol	CT	06010	(860) 583-1827
The Summit at Plantsville	261 Summit Street	Plantsville	CT	06479	(860) 628-0364
Valerie Manor	1360 Torrington Road	Torrington	CT	06790	(860) 489-1008
Wadsworth Glen Health Care & Rehab Ctr	30 Boston Road	Middletown	CT	06457	(860) 346-9299

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Riverside	745 Main St.	East Hartford	CT 06108	860-289-2791	
Water's Edge	111 Church street	Middletown	CT 06457	860-347-7286	
Ludlowe	345 belden Hill Rd	Wilton	CT 06897	203-762-4135	
Bishop Wicke	584 Long Hill Ave	Shelton	CT 06484	203-929-5321	