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To: Nursing Facility Administrators

From: Shaunda Hildebrand, Bureau Chief, Nursing Facility Services

Re: Level of Care Screens (LOC) for Nursing Facility Residents

Level of Care determination requests should only be submitted for Medicaid patients or those applying for or transitioning to Medicaid. Attached are a flow chart and a fact sheet that we hope will give better direction to facilities in terms of when a level of care screen is and is not required.

LOC determination requests should be sent to the MPQH (Fax (800) 413-3890) and should minimally include:

- Contact person name, address and phone number; and
- Medical Diagnoses, Special Treatments, Medications, Therapies and Equipment.
- Medicaid eligibility status, i.e. pending, applying, not applying, etc.

Please note that the Level I Pre-Admission Screening requirement remains in effect for ALL nursing facility admissions. Per rule 37.40.202 (2) "Nursing facility applicants must undergo a Level I screening prior to admission to a nursing facility". Medicaid reimbursement cannot be approved before a Level I Pre-Admission Screen and a LOC determination has been completed. Level I Screens are only required for Medicaid payment.

If you have any questions about LOC(s), please contact MPQH at 406-443-0320 or 1-800-219-7035. Questions regarding this correspondence can be directed to either Shaunda Hildebrand at 406-444-4209 or Beranda Liedle at 406-444-3997.