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TO: ALTCS Managed Care Organizations

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SUBJECT: Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I

The Federal requirement for the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) provides protection for individuals who require services in a nursing facility (NF). The PASRR Level I Screening Tool must be completed and is used to identify individuals who may have a potential for or existence of a mental illness (MI), intellectual disability (ID), or related condition prior to being admitted to a NF. Depending on the results of the PASRR Level I Screening Tool, a more comprehensive evaluation (PASRR Level II Evaluation) may be required prior to admission to a NF in order to ensure appropriate placement and determined the need for specialized services. Additionally, the services provided to individuals in the NF must be person-centered and must meet the individual's medical, behavioral, disability-related needs and preferences.

In January 2017 a new PASRR Level I Screening Tool was developed as a result of a review and recommendations by the PASRR Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). In 2014 (in partnership with CMS), PTAC conducted a national analysis of state Level I Screening Tools. The purpose of the analysis was to determine the degree to which state screening tools fulfilled the goals described in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). In July, 2015, the PASRR Level I Screening Tool was revised based on the recommendations made by the PTAC and was sent to them for review/approval. In September 2015 AHCCCS was notified that Arizona had met the federal requirements with the revised PASRR Level I Screening Tool.

The AHCCCS Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are responsible for ensuring their contracted facilities (hospitals and NFs) are made aware of the revised PASRR Policy and its requirements, including the revised PASRR Level I Screening Tool. MCOs must notify the contracted facilities when the PASRR screening tool is published for public comment. MCOs will be notified via *Constant Contact*. AHCCCS is also requiring that MCOs train their contracted facilities and case managers on the revised PASRR Level I Screening Tool.

The revised PASRR Policy and the revised PASRR Level I Screening Tool were posted today, September 10, 2018 to the AHCCCS website for public comment. Please note that the following Policies and attachments have moved from Chapter 1200 of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) to Chapter 600 of the AMPM:

- **AMPM 680, Federally Mandated Programs for Nursing Facilities**
- **AMPM 680-A, Resident Assessment**
- **AMPM 680-B, Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program**
- **AMPM 680-C, Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review PASRR**
- **AMPM 680-C, Attachment A – Arizona Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I Screening Tool**
- **AMPM 680-C, Attachment B – Level II PASRR Psychiatric Evaluation**
- **AMPM 680-C, Attachment C – PASRR Invoice**

AHCCCS has developed a PASRR Level I PowerPoint presentation and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document to assist with provider and case manager notification and training. A copy of the PASRR Level I FAQ and the AHCCCS PASRR Level I PowerPoint presentation are attached.

Questions regarding the PASRR Level I may be directed to **Alice Plaxco** at **(602) 364-4645** or at Alice.Plaxco@azahcccs.gov.