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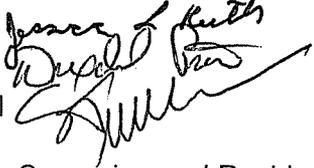
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Adult Care Homes G.S. 131 D. 2-4

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SUBJECT: Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Required for Medicaid Eligible Individuals Only

As required by the US Department of Justice Settlement Agreement effective January 1, 2013, individuals requesting admission to Adult Care Homes must be pre-screened for serious mental illness.

The Division of Health Services Regulation (DHSR) temporary rule, 10A NCAC 14K .0101, Preadmission Screening for Adult Care Home Residents, will expire on November 26, 2013. When this temporary rule sunsets private pay individuals will no longer be required to be screened through the PASRR process. The PASRR process will only be required for Medicaid eligible individuals.

The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) Clinical Coverage Policy 3L remains in effect and requires that a Medicaid beneficiaries residing in or applying for admission to an Adult Care Home (ACH) be screened for serious mental illness using the PASRR prior to an assessment for Personal Care Services (PCS). Medicaid beneficiaries currently receiving PCS in an Adult Care Home do NOT need to complete the PASRR process. This policy only applies to individuals enrolled in Medicaid.

In order to implement legislated changes to PCS in Session Law 2013-306, DMA has revised Clinical Coverage Policy 3L in accordance with G.S. 108A-54.2. The policy revision process includes approval by the Physician Advisory Group. Adult Care Home providers licensed under G.S. 131D-2.4 will not receive prior approval to render or bill for PCS without verification of a PASRR number. This will not require persons already residing in Adult Care Homes who are already receiving PCS to be screened. The policy will be implemented upon the effective date of the State Plan amendment implementing the legislated changes to PCS.

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