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Reinstatement of PASRR and Bed Hold Requirements Effective July 1, 2021

The State of Florida has led the national effort to distribute COVID-19 vaccines and now maintains a sufficient supply of COVID-19 vaccines for every eligible Floridian who desires to be vaccinated. The data demonstrates that Florida is positioned to transition to pre-pandemic activities.

In March 2020, Florida Medicaid provided guidance on flexibilities offered to Nursing Facility providers.

This policy guidance notifies providers that the following flexibilities will end effective July 1, 2021, or when stated otherwise.

- Preadmission Screening and Resident Review Requirements (PASRR): In March 2020,
 Florida Medicaid announced that PASRR processes could be postponed until further notice
 from the Agency. Effective July 1, 2021, all required PASRR processes are reinstated.
 Retroactively performed screenings or resident reviews must document the reason for delay in
 the completion of PASRR requirements.
- <u>Bed Hold Requirements</u>: Beginning July 1, 2021, Florida Medicaid will require skilled nursing facilities to resume having a 95% occupancy limit to be reimbursed for bed hold days. Florida Medicaid will begin evaluating skilled nursing facilities based on the 95% occupancy rate 90 days after the requirements take effect.
- <u>Medicaid-certified bed:</u> A Medicaid recipient must occupy a Medicaid-certified bed (unless the recipient is covered by Medicare Part B, in which case, a Medicare-certified bed is allowable).

For questions or further information, providers can call the Florida Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055.

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