

PURPOSE: The purpose of the "Training Today Newsletter" is to provide assistance and support for TPAES users submitting PAE applications. We also use this notification to communicate upcoming LTSS initiatives and to describe how those may affect your daily practices. Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains vital information for all TPAES users.

Attention! Attention!

Tennessee will transition its Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program to a new Level I process beginning December 1.

Ascend, a MAXIMUS Company, is the state's PASRR vendor, and will begin processing Level I screens on that date. These Level I screens are federally required to occur before an individual admits to a nursing facility. Ascend sends out a monthly newsletter so please be on the lookout as these newsletters are used to announce training opportunities and share important information. To sign up for Ascend's newsletter click on this link: <https://www.ascendami.com/ami/Providers/YourState/TennesseePASRRUserTools.aspx>

Employment and Community First

On July 1, 2016, Tennessee started a new program for people with intellectual and other kinds of developmental disabilities. This new program is called Employment and Community First CHOICES. Services in the new program will help people become employed and live as independently as possible in the community. For people who are not ready for a job in the community, the new program offers services to help prepare for employment. To read more about the Employment and Community First program click on this link: <https://tn.gov/assets/entities/tenncare/attachments/Amendment27ECFCHOICES.pdf>

Wound Care Approval

Complex wound care is defined as infected wounds, dehisced wounds; three or more stage 3 and/or stage 4 wounds. Complex wound care is also needed for unstageable wounds and deep tissue injury (as defined by NPUAP). If requesting reimbursement for stage 3 and/or stage 4 wound care, a request for Stage 3/4 wound care should be requested. TennCare requires a Physician's Order for wound care and a wound assessment; describing characteristics, type and measurements.

Training Resources

All Inclusive Online Training: <http://stateoftennessee.adobeconnect.com/choicesallonlinetraining/>

PAE Manual: <https://tn.gov/assets/entities/tenncare/attachments/PAEManual.pdf>

PAEs for Enhanced Respiratory Care Reimbursement

The most recently completed Eventa ERC Program Clinical Update Form will suffice as supporting medical evidence when requesting Secretion Management Tracheal Suctioning reimbursement so long as the evaluation occurred within the last 30 days.

When requesting clinical review and approval of ongoing ERC reimbursement for a person who has an approved, unexpired Level 1 or Level 2 PAE, open the patient's most recently approved, unexpired PAE in TPAES and select the "extend skilled service" button. Enter the dates of service for which reimbursement is being requested and upload the required supporting medical documentation. Updating an existing PAE will reduce nursing facilities' administrative burden.

MOPD Tips

The Medicaid Only Payer Date (MOPD) is the date that the facility certifies that Medicaid reimbursement for NF services will begin because the person has in fact been admitted to the facility, all other sources of reimbursement have been exhausted and the facility is ready for the member to be enrolled in CHOICES.

To enter an MOPD in TPAES click on the PAE Control Number. Then click on the *MOPD Enter* button and enter in the appropriate MOPD in the designated box. Next click the OK button. For additional step by step instructions when entering the MOPD click on this Cheat Sheet: <https://tn.gov/assets/entities/tenncare/attachments/MOPDwithoutRecertification.pdf>