STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: TENNESSEE

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

The following is a description of the categories allowed by the State of Tennessee for which the State Mental Health or Mental Retardation authority may make an advance group determination that nursing facility services are needed.

TERMINAL ILLNESS: The individual is terminally ill and has a medical prognosis that life expectancy will be six months or less, and the individual is not a danger to self or to others. An individual in this category will be subject to a Level II PASARR evaluation at the end of six months.

CONVALESCENT CARE: The individual is being admitted from a hospital to receive convalescent care not to exceed 120 days, and the individual is not a danger to self or to others. If before or at the end of the 120 day period, it is determined that the individual will continue to require NF level of care, then he/she must have a Level II PASARR evaluation completed.

SEVERITY OF ILLNESS: The individual has a medical condition of such severity that it would prohibit the individual from participating in specialized services for mental illness or mental retardation (e.g., coma, ventilator-dependent, severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, severe congestive heart failure, severe Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Disease, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), and the individual is not a danger to self or to others. Note: Documentation of the severity of the illness must be submitted. An individual in this category will be subject to a Level II PASARR evaluation if his condition improves.

The following is a description of the category allowed by the State of Tennessee for which the State Mental Retardation authority may make an advance group determination that specialized services are not needed.

DEMENTIA/MR: The individual has a dual diagnosis of mental retardation and dementia (including Alzheimer's disease and related disorders) as certified by a physician.

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