The Division acts as the State Mental Retardation Authority, in Utah, and as such is mandated to assess all Applicants and/or residents of nursing facilities who have Developmental Disabilities to determine the Level of Care needed to prevent inappropriate admissions or residency, and assess need for specialized services per the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (see Code of Federal Regulations 483.100 thru 483.138, specifically noting 483.130 and Utah Administrative Rule R414-9-35)

PROCEDURES

1. All Persons who apply for admission to a nursing facility will be screened using the Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) - Level I.

2. Persons who are identified by this screening as likely having a Developmental Disability will be referred to the Division for a Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review-Level II evaluation. The initial evaluation and determination will be completed within an average of 7 to 9 business days.
   1. The admissions review Specialist will review the completed evaluation and determine if the Person requires nursing facility Level of Care and/or specialized services.
   2. The admissions review Specialist will notify the Applicant, legal Representative, the appropriate nursing facility, and the attending physician of the determination in writing.
   3. The admissions review Specialist will perform a significant change Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review screen when notified of need by the nursing facility.

3. Categorical determinations are made by the State Mental Retardation Authority (admissions review Specialist) as defined by the Utah State Plan HCFA-PM-97, Attachment 4.39-A and set forth by the Code of Federal Regulations 483.100 thru 483.138, specifically noting 483.130.

4. The admissions review Specialist will coordinate with the State Mental Health Authority when an Applicant to a nursing facility is suspected of having both a Developmental Disability and a mental illness.

5. The admissions review Specialist will review a Person's Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review determination when notified of a significant change in the physical or mental condition of a nursing facility resident who has a positive Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review II screen. The significant change is a change that impacts a Person's approval for Level of Care in a nursing facility, or need for active treatment (R414-9-4) as provided for in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation.

6. The State of Utah will pay for the Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review II screen and make the required determination on Applicants who are residents of the state or who will be as of the date of Utah Medicaid eligibility.

7. The admissions review Specialist shall complete an annual random review of Persons with Developmental Disabilities living in nursing facilities to document the continued need for nursing facility Level of Care.