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Web Announcement 245

PASRR and LOC Policy Changes Implemented

A Public Hearing held Feb. 10, 2009, resulted in the implementation of the following policy changes effective immediately for any provider who completes Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) and Level of Care (LOC) screening forms:

- PASRR and LOC screening forms must be completed and signed by a **licensed health care professional**. For providers utilizing the Online Prior Authorization System (OPAS), tab 4 contains a field to identify the **licensed health care professional** who completed the form.
- First Health Services will return screening forms not completed by **licensed health care professionals**.
- Criteria for Pediatric Level of Care I and II and ventilator dependence have been revised.

Please refer to [Chapter 500-Nursing Facilities](#) of the Medicaid Services Manual for all policy changes.