

**New PACE PASRR Process  
Effective September 2, 2009**

**FOR RESPITE STAYS ONLY**

1. A Level I PASRR screen must be done on **ALL** PACE participants requiring admission to nursing facilities.
2. PACE staff will continue to sign, and attach to each participant's chart, Level I screens that do not contain triggers. The nursing facility also needs to be provided a copy of the Level I. These screens **DO NOT** require submission to Ascend.
3. For those Level I PASRR screens which have triggers, indicating a Level II evaluation might be necessary, PACE will continue to the Level I screen via the web only
4. When entering the Level I screen, with triggers, PACE staff will mark all respite PACE Level I screens as "30-day PACE respite," which will be selected under "payment method" on the online Level I form.
5. The Level I will receive an automatic web approval through the web-based PASRR system and the participant will then be able to be admitted to a nursing facility without waiting for a Level II evaluation. Two copies of the approval should be printed out, one for the PACE chart and one for the nursing facility.
6. The Ascend web based PASRR system will provide a message to the PACE staff member indicating:

"If the PACE participant is still in the nursing facility on day 25 of the 30-day PACE respite admission, PACE staff will need to ask the nursing facility to call the OBRA coordinator to do a "Status Change" evaluation of that participant."

**NOTE:**

1. **Before using a "30-day PACE respite," there must be a clear and reasonable expectation that the participant can and will return to a community setting within 30 days.**
2. **The process for long-term placement for all patients stays the same—if a Level II is needed, a Level II must be done before admission to the nursing facility.**
3. **Permission to admit to a nursing facility is not automatically granted in the following cases:**
  - a) **Patients admitting from a psychiatric hospital;**
  - b) **Situations where the patient has psychiatric instability;**
  - c) **If the patient is a danger to self or others.**