

General PASRR Process

Simplified for illustration.
Full program requirements
at 42 CFR 483.100 -138



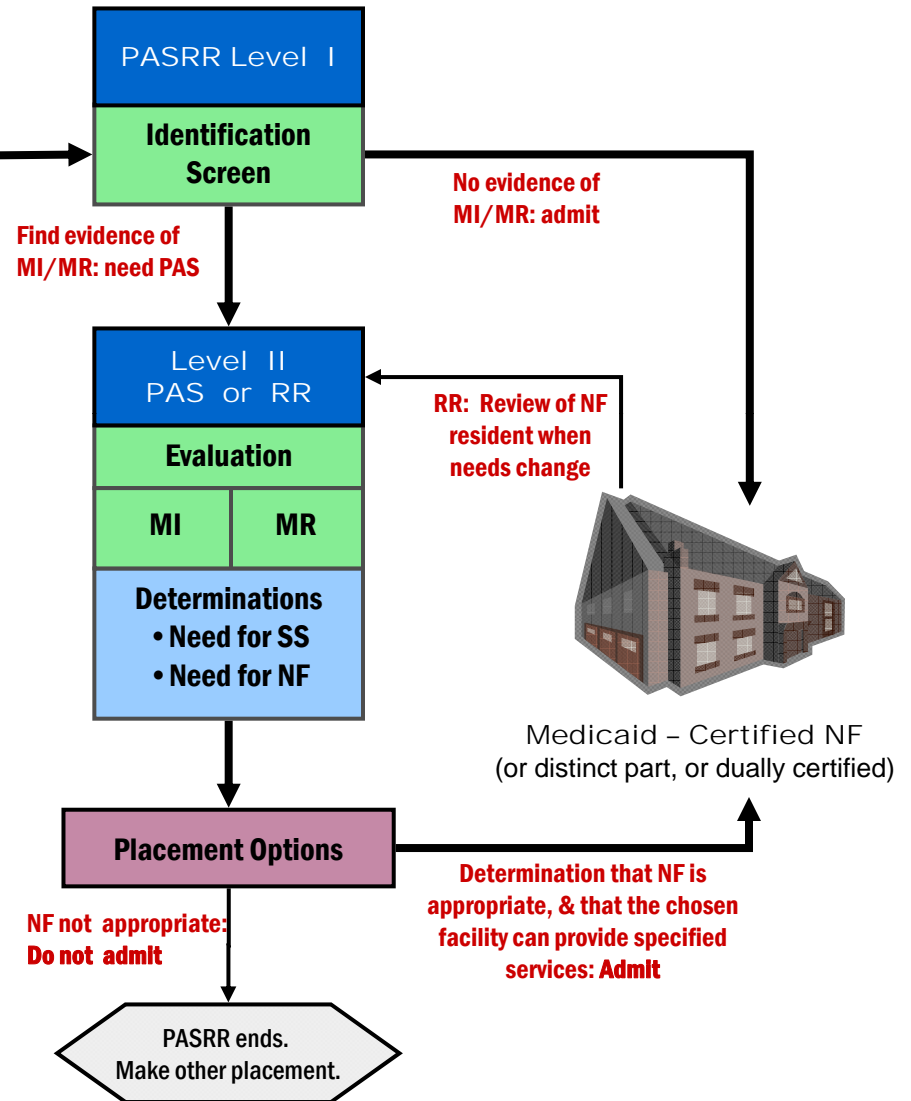
Purpose
To ensure that nursing facility (NF) applicants and residents with mental illness and/or mental retardation are:

- Identified
- Admitted or remain in a NF only if they can be appropriately served in the NF
- Provided with needed MI/MR services, including Specialized Services (SS), if needed

The PASRR regulations are complex.

However, some of the complexity arises from provisions to reduce unnecessary evaluations in certain circumstances, (shown in diamond decision boxes in following figures), e.g., categorical determinations.

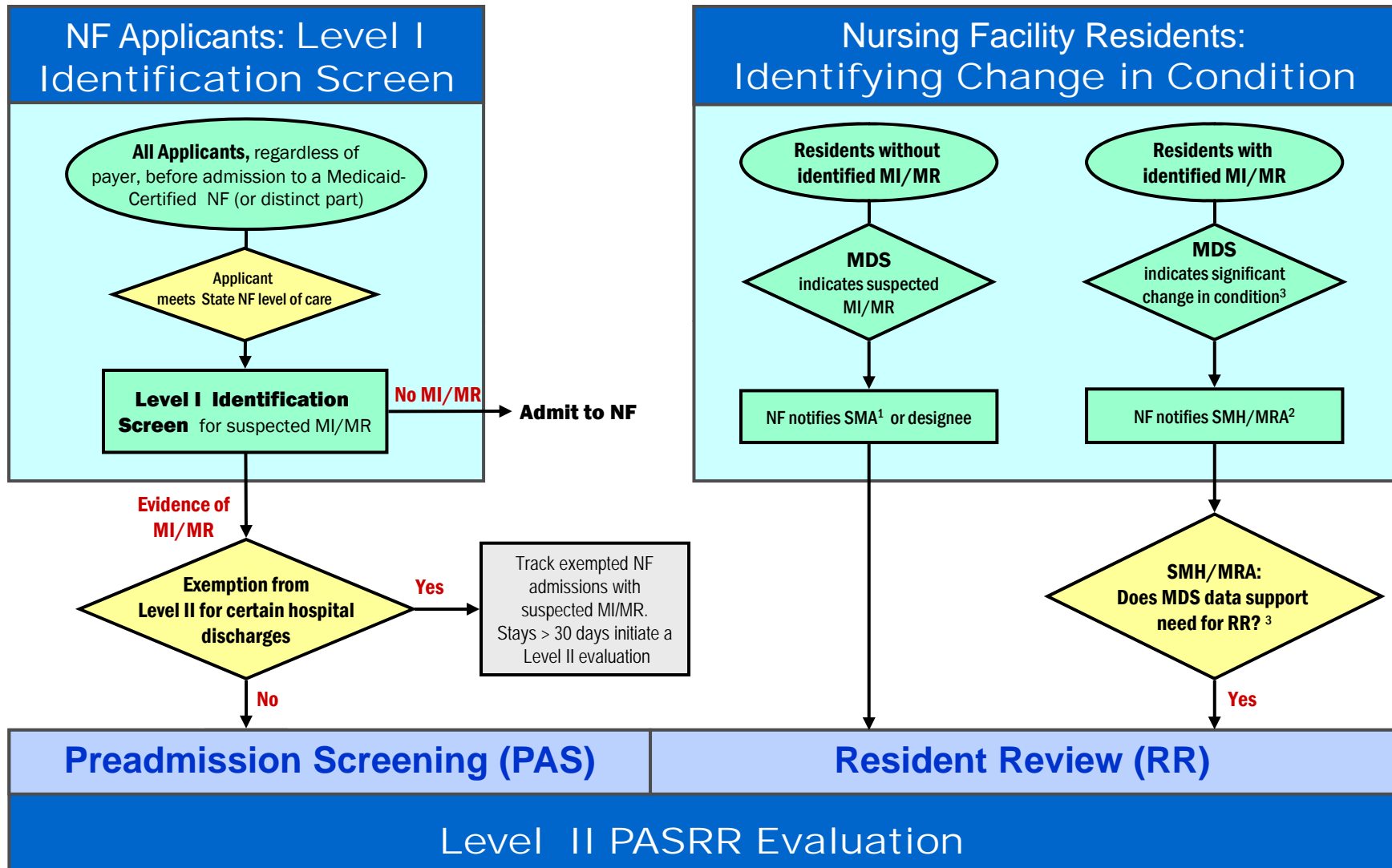
In most cases PASRR consists of a Level I screen, and if indicated, Level II evaluation and determinations, as shown here.



PASRR Preadmission Screening and Resident Review

Level I

State PASRR program screens for possible mental illness (MI) or mental retardation (MR) in nursing facility (NF) applicants. This is referred to as Level I, and precedes Preadmission Screening (PAS) or Resident Review (RR).



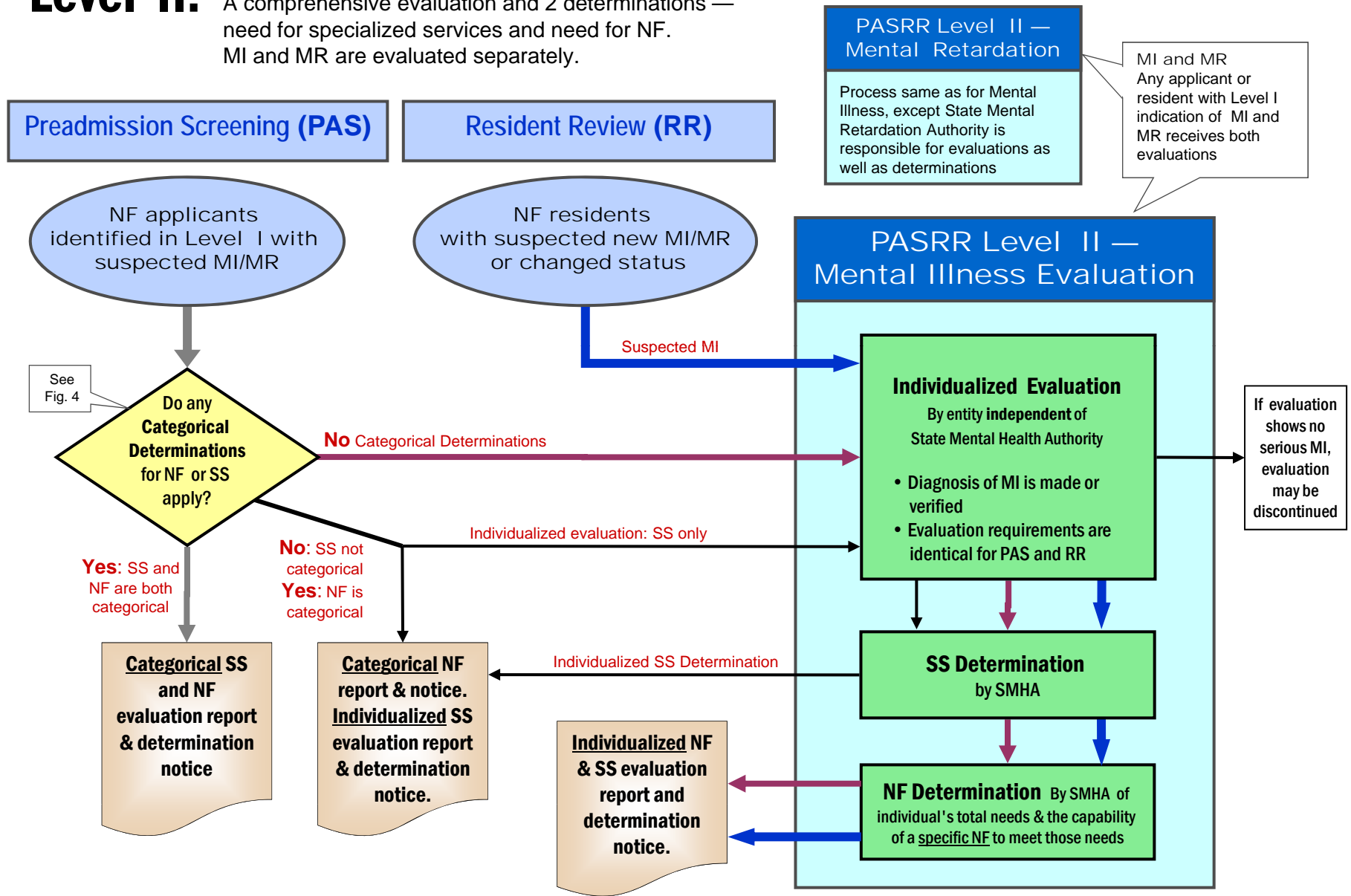
¹ SMA (State Medicaid Agency)

² SMHA (State Mental Health Authority), SMRA (State Mental Retardation Authority)

³ Any MDS change in condition is reported. Therefore, SMH/MRA or designee (not the NF) determines whether the change is relevant to MI/MR and whether Level II evaluation is needed.

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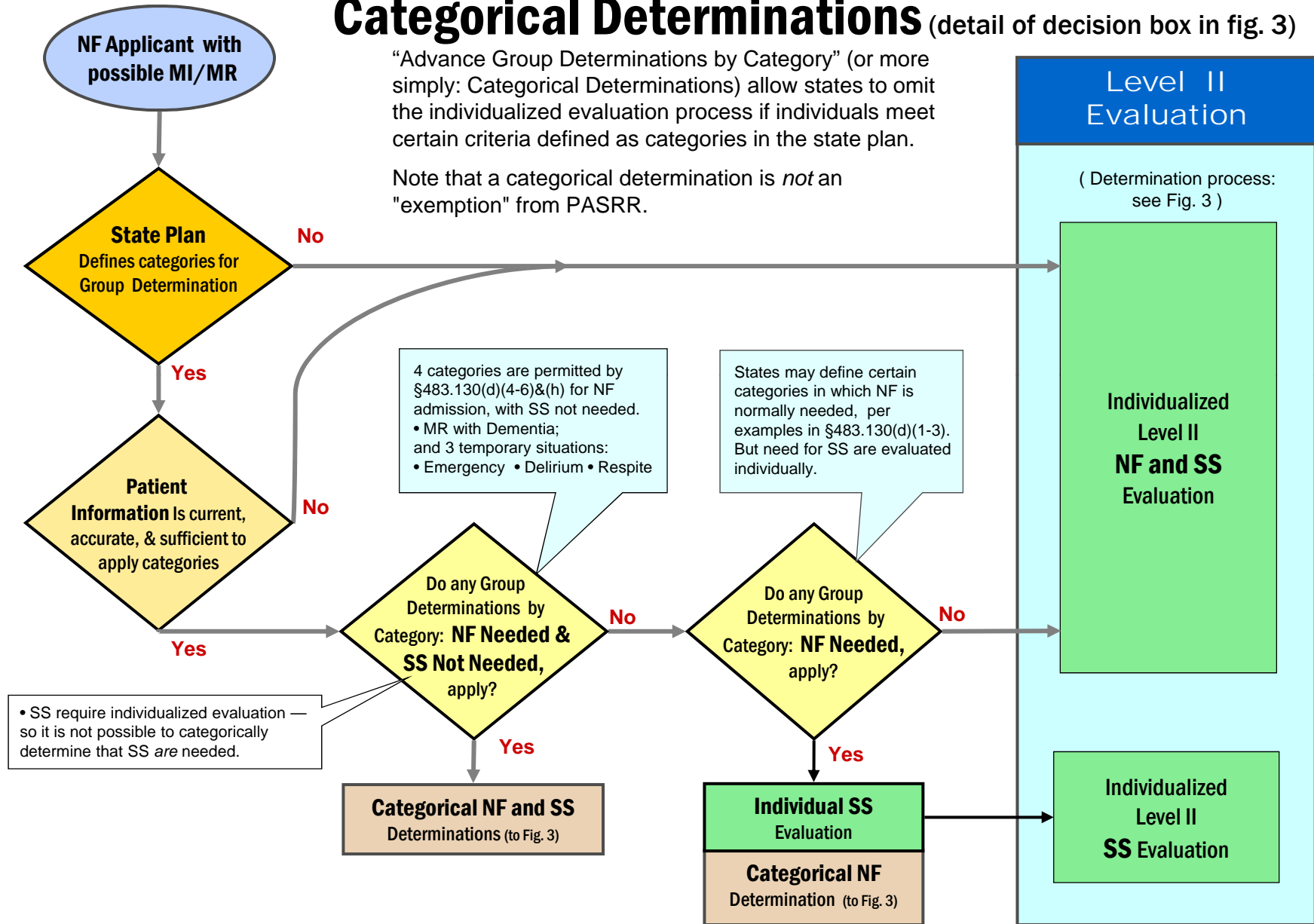
Level II: A comprehensive evaluation and 2 determinations — need for specialized services and need for NF. MI and MR are evaluated separately.



Categorical Determinations (detail of decision box in fig. 3)

“Advance Group Determinations by Category” (or more simply: Categorical Determinations) allow states to omit the individualized evaluation process if individuals meet certain criteria defined as categories in the state plan.

Note that a categorical determination is *not* an "exemption" from PASRR.



Evaluation Reports, Notices of Determination, and Placement Options

