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§ 483.204 Provision of a hearing and appeal system.

(a) Each State must provide a system for:

(1) A resident of a SNF or a NF to appeal a notice from the SNF or NF of intent to discharge or transfer the resident; and

(2) An individual who has been adversely affected by any PASARR determination made by the State in the context of either a preadmission screening or an annual resident review under subpart C of part 483 to appeal that determination.

(b) The State must provide an appeals system that meets the requirements of this subpart, § 483.12 of this part, and part 431 subpart E of this chapter.

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§ 483.206 Transfers, discharges and relocations subject to appeal.

(a) “Facility” means a certified entity, either a Medicare SNF or a Medicaid NF (see §§ 483.5 and 483.12(a)(1)).

(b) A resident has appeal rights when he or she is transferred from—

(1) A certified bed into a noncertified bed; and

(2) A bed in a certified entity to a bed in an entity which is certified as a different provider.

(c) A resident has no appeal rights when he or she is moved from one bed in the certified entity to another bed in the same certified entity.

Subpart F—Requirements That Must be Met by States and State Agencies, Resident Assessment

§ 483.315 Specification of resident assessment instrument.

(a) *Statutory basis.* Sections 1819(e)(5) and 1919(e)(5) of the Act require that a State specify the resident assessment instrument (RAI) to be used by long term care facilities in the State when conducting initial and periodic assessments of each resident’s functional capacity, in accordance with § 483.20.

(b) *State options in specifying an RAI.* The RAI that the State specifies must be one of the following:

(1) The instrument designated by HCFA.

(2) An alternate instrument specified by the State and approved by HCFA, using the criteria specified in the State Operations Manual issued by HCFA (HCFA Pub. 7) which is available for purchase through the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22151.

(c) *State requirements in specifying an RAI.*

(1) Within 30 days after HCFA notifies the State of the HCFA-designated RAI or changes to it, the State must do one of the following:

(i) Specify the HCFA-designated RAI.

(ii) Notify HCFA of its intent to specify an alternate instrument.

(2) Within 60 days after receiving HCFA approval of an alternate RAI, the State must specify the RAI for use by all long term care facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

(3) After specifying an instrument, the State must provide periodic educational programs for facility staff to assist with implementation of the RAI.

(4) A State must audit implementation of the RAI through the survey process.

(5) A State must obtain approval from HCFA before making any modifications to its RAI.

(6) A State must adopt revisions to the RAI that are specified by HCFA.

(d) *HCFA-designated RAI.* The HCFA-designated RAI is published in the State Operations Manual issued by HCFA (HCFA Pub. 7), as updated periodically, and consists of the following:

(1) The minimum data set (MDS) and common definitions.

(2) The resident assessment protocols (RAPs) and triggers that are necessary to accurately assess residents, established by HCFA.

(3) The quarterly review, based on a subset of the MDS specified by HCFA.

(4) The requirements for use of the RAI that appear at § 483.20.

(e) *Minimum data set (MDS).* The MDS includes assessment in the following areas:

(1) Identification and demographic information, which includes information to identify the resident and facility, the resident’s residential history,

education, the reason for the assessment, guardianship status and information regarding advance directives, and information regarding mental health history.

(2) Customary routine, which includes the resident's lifestyle prior to admission to the facility.

(3) Cognitive patterns, which include memory, decision making, consciousness, behavioral measures of delirium, and stability of condition.

(4) Communication, which includes scales for measuring hearing and communication skills, information on how the resident expresses himself or herself, and stability of communicative ability.

(5) Vision pattern, which includes a scale for measuring vision and vision problems.

(6) Mood and behavior patterns, which include scales for measuring behavioral indicators and symptoms, and stability of condition.

(7) Psychosocial well-being, which includes the resident's interpersonal relationships and adjustment factors.

(8) Physical functioning and structural problems, which contains scales for measuring activities of daily living, mobility, potential for improvement, and stability of functioning.

(9) Continence, which includes assessment scales for bowel and bladder incontinence, continence patterns, interventions, and stability of continence status.

(10) Disease diagnoses and health conditions, which includes active medical diagnoses, physical problems, pain assessment, and stability of condition.

(11) Dental and nutritional status, which includes information on height and weight, nutritional problems and accommodations, oral care and problems, and measure of nutritional intake.

(12) Skin condition, which includes current and historical assessment of skin problems, treatments, and information regarding foot care.

(13) Activity pursuit, which gathers information on the resident's activity preferences and the amount of time spent participating in activities.

(14) Medications, which contains information on the types and numbers of medications the resident receives.

(15) Special treatments and procedures, which includes measurements of therapies, assessment of rehabilitation/restorative care, special programs and interventions, and information on hospital visits and physician involvement.

(16) Discharge potential, which assesses the possibility of discharging the resident and discharge status.

(17) Documentation of summary information regarding the additional assessment performed through the resident assessment protocols.

(18) Documentation of participation in assessment.

(f) *Resident assessment protocols (RAPs)*. At a minimum, the RAPs address the following domains:

- (1) Delirium.
- (2) Cognitive loss.
- (3) Visual function.
- (4) Communication.
- (5) ADL functional/rehabilitation potential.
- (6) Urinary incontinence and indwelling catheter.
- (7) Psychosocial well-being.
- (8) Mood state.
- (9) Behavioral symptoms.
- (10) Activities.
- (11) Falls.
- (12) Nutritional status.
- (13) Feeding tubes.
- (14) Dehydration/fluid maintenance.
- (15) Dental care.
- (16) Pressure ulcers.
- (17) Psychotropic drug use.
- (18) Physical restraints.

(g) *Criteria for HCFA approval of alternate instrument*. To receive HCFA approval, a State's alternate instrument must use the standardized format, organization, item labels and definitions, and instructions specified by HCFA in the latest issuance of the State Operations Manual issued by HCFA (HCFA Pub. 7).

(h) *State MDS collection and data base requirements*. (1) As part of facility survey responsibilities, the State must establish and maintain an MDS Database, and must do the following:

- (i) Use a system to collect, store, and analyze data that is developed or approved by HCFA.
- (ii) Obtain HCFA approval before modifying any parts of the HCFA

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standard system other than those listed in paragraph (h)(2) of this section (which may not be modified).

(iii) Specify to a facility the method of transmission of data to the State, and instruct the facility on this method.

(iv) Upon receipt of data from a facility, edit the data, as specified by HCFA, and ensure that a facility resolves errors.

(v) At least monthly, transmit to HCFA all edited MDS records received during that period, according to formats specified by HCFA, and correct and retransmit rejected data as needed.

(vi) Analyze data and generate reports, as specified by HCFA.

(2) The State may not modify any aspect of the standard system that pertains to the following:

(i) Standard approvable RAI criteria specified in the State Operations Manual issued by HCFA (HCFA Pub. 7) (MDS item labels and definitions, RAPs and utilization guidelines).

(ii) Standardized record formats and validation edits specified in the State Operations Manual issued by HCFA (HCFA Pub. 7).

(iii) Standard facility encoding and transmission methods specified in the State Operations Manual issued by HCFA (HCFA Pub. 7).

(i) *State identification of agency that collects RAI data.* The State must identify the component agency that collects RAI data, and ensure that this agency restricts access to the data except for the following:

(1) Reports that contain no resident-identifiable data.

(2) Transmission of data and reports to HCFA.

(3) Transmission of data and reports to the State agency that conducts surveys to ensure compliance with Medicare and Medicaid participation requirements, for purposes related to this function.

(4) Transmission of data and reports to the State Medicaid agency for purposes directly related to the administration of the State Medicaid plan.

(5) Transmission of data and reports to other entities only when authorized as a routine use by HCFA.

(j) *Resident-identifiable data.* (1) The State may not release information that is resident-identifiable to the public.

(2) The State may not release RAI data that is resident-identifiable except in accordance with a written agreement under which the recipient agrees to be bound by the restrictions described in paragraph (i) of this section.

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Subparts G-H [Reserved]

Subpart I—Conditions of Participation for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded

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§ 483.400 Basis and purpose.

This subpart implements section 1905 (c) and (d) of the Act which gives the Secretary authority to prescribe regulations for intermediate care facility services in facilities for the mentally retarded or persons with related conditions.

§ 483.405 Relationship to other HHS regulations.

In addition to compliance with the regulations set forth in this subpart, facilities are obliged to meet the applicable provisions of other HHS regulations, including but not limited to those pertaining to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (45 CFR Part 80), nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap (45 CFR Part 84), nondiscrimination on the basis of age (45 CFR Part 91), protection of human subjects of research (45 CFR Part 46), and fraud and abuse (42 CFR Part 455). Although those regulations are not in themselves considered conditions of participation under this Part, their violation may result in the termination or suspension of, or the refusal to grant or continue, Federal financial assistance.

§ 483.410 Condition of participation: Governing body and management.

(a) *Standard: Governing body.* The facility must identify an individual or