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- d. Responsibilities of the Worker
- Forward the original PAS to the level of care evaluator when the PAS is sent to the county office instead of the level of care evaluator.
 - Obtain a signed copy of the current, approved PAS as verification of medical necessity at application and redetermination.

NOTE: A new PAS is only required in the situations described above. A new PAS is not required at each redetermination. However, the Worker must verify the individual remains medically eligible with a copy of the current PAS on file with the nursing facility.

EXAMPLE: Mrs. G completes a redetermination in June 2012. The Worker requests a copy of the current approved PAS on file with the nursing facility. The PAS is dated May 21, 2011, approved for over 6 months and Mrs. G has not left the facility since admission. The Worker has verified medical necessity at redetermination.

- e. Level II PASARR

Any individual who applies for nursing facility services in a Medicaid-certified facility must be evaluated for the presence of mental illness/retardation or related conditions, as well as for the need for specialized services to address the individual's mental health needs. The level of care evaluator, after making the Level I decision of medical necessity, forwards the PAS to the mental health evaluator, if appropriate.

The date of the Level II evaluation has no bearing on the date that medical necessity for nursing care is established. See item A above.

C. ESTABLISHING MEDICAL NECESSITY, PHYSICIAN'S PROGRESS NOTES OR ORDERS

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In certain circumstances, which may be beyond the control of the client or his representative, an individual may be admitted to a Medicaid certified nursing facility without the completion of a PAS. When this occurs and the client applies for Medicaid and payment of nursing facility services for a prior period, the Worker may obtain and use the physician's progress notes or orders in the client's medical records to establish medical need. A valid PAS for current eligibility must still be obtained.

This information is obtained from the nursing facility and the facility may request that the physician add such notes to the client's records. This method may also be used when application is made and payment requested for a deceased individual when no valid PAS was completed.

This procedure is used only for backdating eligibility for nursing facility care when no PAS exists for the period for which payment of services is requested. The progress notes or orders cannot be used to change an existing PAS which does not certify need for nursing facility care. Eligibility may only be backdated up to 3 months prior to the month of application.

The Worker must record the reason for the use of the progress notes or orders in Case Comments.