

# In a Nutshell

## Fresh Perspectives on LTSS Issues



### Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review - PASRR

PASRR is a federal requirement that anyone admitted to a Medicaid funded nursing facility be screened for any indication of serious mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disability. If such a condition is known or suspected, an individualized evaluation must be conducted to ensure that the nursing facility is the most appropriate place for the person to

**Nearly 4 million people were served in nursing facilities in 2014.**

live and, if so, what specialized services they require while there. Resident review requires additional assessments with any change in condition for any nursing facility resident. The older adult with chronic health conditions who lands in the hospital due to a critical event, like a stroke, or fall with injury, is often on a fast track to a nursing facility, usually for short term rehab or post-acute care. But nursing facilities can be “sticky”. It can be very easy for a short term stay to turn to a long term stay. Housing issues can arise. Caregivers may be less available. Financial situations change quickly. PASRR can be a built-in regulator on that pathway.

### PASRR Beyond Compliance

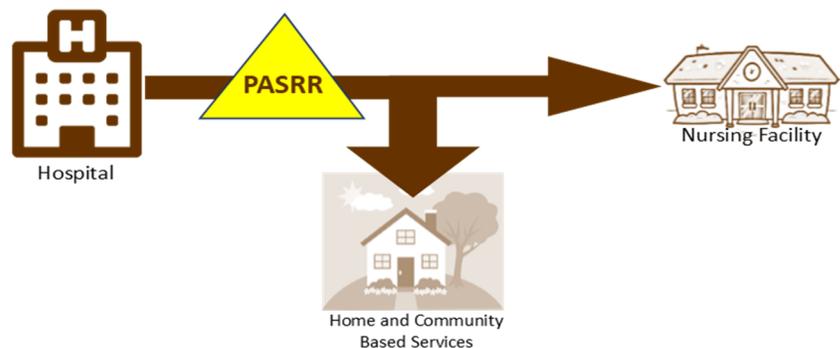
PASRR can become just a compliance exercise for all involved; sometimes even compliance is a challenge. PASRR has the potential to support important systemic goals beyond mere compliance:

**No Wrong Door:** The hospital to nursing facility discharge process is a common door to long term care, but it can be a “wrong” door if it leads directly to long term institutional care. PASRR has the potential to transform this door as part of a state’s NWD strategy.

**Olmstead Planning:** An effective PASRR process has the potential to divert individuals from long term institutionalization. PASRR can, and should, be a component in state level Olmstead planning.

**Transitions of Care:** A person-centered PASRR process can support effective discharge planning to the setting that is most appropriate for the individual being discharged.

**Data and Information:** An effective PASRR system provides states with high quality information on the population of persons discharging from hospital systems – their clinical characteristics, and where they end up.



Sage Squirrel Consulting can work with you to maximize your PASRR compliance processes to achieve accuracy, consistency, and efficiency, and then how to take your PASRR processes to the next level.