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To: Nursing Facilities
From: Department for Medicaid Services
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RE: Critical Incident Report & Mortality Review Requirement for Specialized Services Recipients

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) federal regulations [483.106\(d\)](#) and [483.106\(e\)](#) specify that the State Medicaid Authority must delegate the responsibility of PASRR evaluations and determinations to the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) and State Intellectual Disability Authority (SIDA). In Kentucky, the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, under the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, is the designated SMHA and SIDA.

The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) contracts with the regional Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) to complete PASRR Level II evaluations and to provide PASRR Specialized Services in accordance with federal regulatory requirements.

CMHCs are required to comply with specific critical incident reporting requirements for individuals receiving state general fund services, including PASRR Specialized Services. When a service recipient dies, the CMHC must submit a critical incident notification report, follow-up report, and mortality review report within 14 days of the date of death. Timely completion of the mortality review report requires collaboration and access to relevant information from the nursing facility.

To support timely compliance with these reporting requirements, DBHDID and the CMHCs ask nursing facility staff to provide timely communication, relevant details, and any information or insight that may assist in completing the mortality review report following a resident's death. Prompt submission of these records is essential to allow the CMHC to complete the required mortality review and meet the 14-day reporting deadline.

DBHDID, the CMHCs, and DMS appreciate the partnership and continued collaboration of nursing facility staff in ensuring that the necessary documentation is provided promptly and that all required PASRR reporting obligations can be completed within the established timeframe.