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**SUBJECT:** End Date of Public Health Emergency (PHE) and PASRR Impact

In March 2020, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) made a number of operational changes to its Medicaid program in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). These changes included taking advantage of the flexibilities offered to states including but not limited to allowing nursing facilities to delay the completion of the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) for 30-days.

On February 9, 2023, the Department of Health & Human Services announced that the PHE will end on May 11, 2023. While there were various flexibilities granted, the 30-day delay of PASRR Level I screenings and Level II evaluations will terminate on **May 11, 2023**.

As such, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services expect states to resume full PASRR activities in accordance with state PASRR rules (OAC 5160-3-15, OAC 5160-3-15.1 and OAC 5160-3-15.2) as of May 12, 2023. Therefore, providers must also return to the pre-PHE timeframes for completing PASRR requirements and related level of care requests. As a reminder, level of care determinations must not precede the date the PASRR requirements were met.

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