

# PASRR

## Specialized Services in Vermont for Individuals with ID/DD/RC

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# Vermont's State System of Care Plan for Developmental Disabilities Services

- Three year plan, mandated by Vermont's Developmental Disabilities Act of 1996, describing the nature, extent, allocation and timing of services to be provided to people with DD and their families
- Section 3, IV B. describes **PASRR Funding:**

“Individuals age 18 and over who live in nursing facilities may qualify for Nursing Home Day Rehabilitation Services (aka specialized services) necessary to meet their unique needs related to their developmental disabilities. These services are prior authorized on an individual basis by the Division. Funding for specialized services is allocated from the revolving PASRR fund, unless the individual was receiving Home and Community Based services funding prior to admission to the nursing facility, in which case a portion of his/her HCBS funding is converted to Nursing Home Day Rehabilitation funding to pay for specialized services. The Division is legally mandated to provide these services, therefore, if the PASRR fund is depleted, funding is allocated through New Caseload or Returned Caseload Funding. Specialized services funded from the revolving PASRR fund are limited to 5 hours per week.”

# Vermont has 2 Developmental Disability Services (DDS) Specialists who perform PASRR Step 2 evaluations & authorize Specialized Services

- If a person is found to have ID/DD/RC,
- Meets criteria for nursing home level of care (determined by a State of VT nurse in our department DAIL),
- Needs and wishes to remain resident in a nursing facility,
- Has DD-related needs beyond what the NF can provide (ie: communication needs, maintaining social or self-care skills, emotional/behavioral self-regulation),
- The DDS Specialist will authorize specialized services.
- Specialized services may be authorized even if the person is receiving rehabilitative therapies and discharge is anticipated when the person's condition improves.

## If the person with ID/DD/RC was receiving Vermont DD home and community based services:

- The DDS Specialist requests that specialized services be provided by the individual's local provider agency.
- The Specialist negotiates the amount of service provision and rate with the agency – up to 25 hours per week.
- The rate is a bundled, fee for service rate that includes: service coordination, direct support, transportation.
- The agency must modify the person's Individual Support Agreement (plan of care) to address needs identified in the PASRR evaluation.
- The agency suspends the person's DD HCBS budget while the individual is in the NF, and bills a fee for service code for specialized services.
- If/when the person leaves the NF and returns to HCBS, their formerly allocated budget is re-activated.

# If the person with ID/DD/RC was not receiving DD HCBS:

- The DDS Specialist makes a referral to the local Designated Agency where the person is residing.
- The Specialist authorizes the local agency to arrange for and provide specialized services for a maximum of 5 hours per week, and negotiates a rate for service delivery.
- The agency must create an abbreviated Individual Support Plan (plan of care) based on needs identified in the PASRR evaluation.
- Funds are authorized by the department (DAIL) from the revolving PASRR fund. The agency bills the fee for service specialized services code for services delivered.
- If the person dies or stops receiving specialized services, the funds are returned to the DAIL PASRR fund.

# PASRR specialized services for people with ID/DD/RC in Vermont are:

- Person-centered, based on individual need, tailored to the person's unique abilities, wishes and preferences
- Intended to promote independence, dignity, personal choice, safety
- This is in accordance with Vermont's Principles of Developmental Disabilities Services and the DAIL Mission Statement.
- More information can be found in the Vermont State System of Care Plan for Developmental Disabilities Services.