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PREFACE

The purpose of this manual is for the provision of information and instructional guidance to those providers who participate in the North Carolina Medicaid Uniform Screening Program (USP).

It is designed to provide instructions for the understanding and completion of the Medicaid Uniform Screening Tool (MUST) form related to the PASRR Only Screening.

Providers are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all Medicaid policies and procedures currently in effect as it relates to long term care services.

The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) publishes Medicaid General Bulletins the first working day of each month and Special Bulletins as needed, on their website. These publications contain important update information regarding Medicaid programs.

For up-to-date news, providers should review these websites often. www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/bulletin.htm and www.ncmust.com

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Chapter 1: Getting Started

The NC MUST application is an online system and requires the end user to meet minimum hardware and software specifications as well as other prerequisites before access to the application can be granted. In order to gain access, please complete the following steps outlined below. More detailed information is available by selecting the associated links within each topic.

Prerequisites

1. Computer with Internet Access

To access the application, all users will need access to a personal computer with internet access. Please read Must System Requirement for information related to your specific environment

2. Email Account

A valid email account is required for correspondence to be emailed through the MUST tool. If you do not have a company email account, free email accounts can be set up using many search vendors such as AOL, Google, Yahoo etc...

3. Create your user login credentials

Users must establish a user ID and password with the North Carolina Identity Management Service (NCID). The NCID Service is the standard identity management and access service provided to State, local, business and citizen users by the State of North Carolina. NCID enables its customers to achieve an elevated degree of security and access control to real time resources such as the MUST application. Users can leverage the NCID service to:

- Create and Manage user accounts
- Provide user self-service functions such as self-registration and password recovery

Access to the MUST system will NOT be granted without an NCID. To create your user credentials, follow the instructions in Chapter 2: Creating your user login credentials

4. Login

Once the user has created an account through NCID, the user name and password created will be used to log into the MUST application. To log in, please follow the instructions located in Chapter 3: Logging Into MUST (First Time Users)
5. Organization Registration

Each Organization will be required to register their business entity within the MUST application. Each Organization is required to have at least one user with the Primary Administrator role. The primary Administrator is the user who initially registers the Organization.

Before registration, the administrator will need to be prepared with organization information such as the mailing address, phone, fax, organization type and level of care that Organization provides.

If you will be your Organizations Primary Administrator, please follow the instructions located in Chapter 5: Organization and User Registration.

If you will not be the Primary Administrator for your Organization or your Organization is already registered, please continue with step (5).

6. User Registration

Non administrative users need to register in the MUST system under the organization they will be working for. The Organization Registration Code (ORC) must be provided to each user prior to registration. The Organization Administrator is responsible for providing users with the ORC. Please contact your Organization Administrator to get the ORC. To register as a non-administrative user, follow the instructions found in User Registration located in Chapter 5.
Chapter 2: Creating your user login credentials

**IMPORTANT:** The information contained in this section was provided by the State of North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services. For questions or to request additional information, the ITS Customer Service Desk can be reached by:

**Business and Individual users**
- Should contact the ITS Customer Support Center if they have a problem getting an NCID ID.
- Should contact DHHS Customer Service Center if they have a problem self-registering for the DHHS-USP-USERS NCID application group.

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**State and Local government users**
- Should determine whether their county security administrator has been created. Please refer to Appendix D: NCID County Agency Security Administrator for instructions on locating your county security administrator or setting one up if one does not currently exist.
- Should contact their local government security administrators if after requesting an NCID ID it is not approved in a day or two. Please refer to the ITS Customer Service desk: [http://www.its.state.nc.us/Support/CustomerSupportCenter/CSCInternet/Default.asp](http://www.its.state.nc.us/Support/CustomerSupportCenter/CSCInternet/Default.asp)
- Should contact their local government security administrators if they have a problem self-registering for the DHHS-USP-USERS NCID application group.

**What Is NCID?**

The **North Carolina Identity Service (NCID)** is a user authentication and coarse grained authorization to protect web-based applications from unauthorized access. NCID provides an environment by which users can login and gain access to the applications they have been granted rights to use. All new applications would be required to integrate with NCID for authentication and authorization. Authentication is the act of a user providing credentials such as a user id and password in order for the system to verify that they are who they say they are. Authorization is a process that occurs automatically and determines what a user can access. It is often referred to as access control. For more information on NCID please visit [https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/](https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/)
Users will use the same Logon ID and password in all applications integrated with NCID.

**Registering for an NCID account**

If you already have an NCID account, you do not need to create a new one. Please proceed to Part 2, Step 12 in the instructions below. If your account has been deactivated or locked out, contact your organization’s Administrator.

**Part 1 - To register for an NCID account:**

1. Go to URL [https://ncid.nc.gov](https://ncid.nc.gov)
2. At the NCID page you will click on the link **Register!**

![NCID Login page](image)

3. Choose user type:

- **Individual** - Request access to conduct online transactions with the State of North Carolina. These users may or may not be citizens of the State.
- **Business User** - request access to the State of North Carolina on the behalf of a business.
- **State Employee** – Currently employed or assigned to work within the State of North Carolina government.
- **Local Government Employee** – Currently employed or assigned to work for a North Carolina county or municipality.
4. Choose your User type then click “continue” (choosing Business user account will allow you access to the password self service)
5. Complete all required fields on the form & self-challenge questions click “create account” when completed:
Telephone Extension (Optional)

Mobile Number (Optional)
919-555-1397

Street - Line 1*

Street - Line 2 (Optional)

City*

State*
NC

Zip*

New Password*
- Password is case sensitive.
- Must be at least 8 characters long.
- Must not include part of your name or user name.
- Must not include a common word or commonly used sequence of characters.
- Can be changed no more often than once every 3 days.
- Must have at least 4 types of the following characters:
  - Uppercase (A-Z)
  - Lowercase (a-z)
  - Number (0-9)
  - Symbol (!, #, $, etc.)
  - Other language characters not listed above
- New password may not have been used previously.

Continue  Cancel
6. Once completed, you will receive an email from NCID “New NCID User Registration ncid.notifications@nc.gov at the email address provided on your registration form with a six digit code to verify your identity.

Once you enter the six digit authentication and choose “Check Code” your account will be configured.

Note: If no action is taken on this email within 3 days. Your account will be deleted

7. Choose continue to create your self-service password challenge questions.
8. Create your challenge questions:

Create your challenge questions

You may choose any of the questions from the drop down.
9. Once you have chosen and answered your security questions, click “Save Answers.”

10. Click continue.
11. You have completed your NCID registration.

Part 2 - Subscribing to the DHHS User Group:

13. Click on the Access tab and then choose Requests.

14. Under Request, choose the Open Application Subscription tab.
15. Click the downward arrow next to “Grant Application Access Role: *” and choose “DHHS-USP-Users”.

16. Click the “Submit” button.

17. Once you receive the submission was successful confirmation, click “Close”.

You have completed your NCID Registration.
Once you have created your NCID account, proceed with Logging on for the first time.
Please refer to Chapter 3: Logging Into MUST
**REMEMBER:** You must link your NCID user account with the USP application in order to log in. To do so log on to: https://www.ncmust.com/wps/myportal/usp and authenticate your new NCID ID within the USP application.
Retrieving your NCID User ID

1. “Click” on the forgot your User ID? link

2. Enter the information used when it was initially created.
3. Click “search”

![User Lookup](image)

4. You will get the following confirmation and NCID will email your user id.

![Confirmation](image)
5. You will also receive an email notification:

![Email Notification Image]
Retrieving your NCID Password

In order to retrieve your NCID password you will need to know your user id. Please follow the below steps to help you recover your password

1. Enter your user id in the requested area and "click" the forgot your Password link.

2. On the next screen you will prompted to confirm your user id once again.
3. Answer your enrollment questions:

![Forgotten Password](image)

4. Create a new password and confirm new password: Ensure the new password follows the required password criteria “click” on **Change password**.

![Change Password](image)
5. Once you “click” **change password** you will get the following confirmation: *allow a few seconds for the synchronization process to complete do not close this window.*

6. Once Synchronization has been completed “click” on the **continue** link
7. Once you have successfully changed your password you will be re-directed to the login page.

**Note:** You will receive an email notification for NCID if User ID or Password is forgotten.
Chapter 3: Logging Into MUST

Access to the NC MUST Application is only available to users who have completed the NCID registration process. If you have not completed this registration, please follow the instruction in Chapter 2: Creating your user login credentials.

Upon completing the NCID registration process you will be able to access the MUST application. To login, please type https://www.ncmust.com/wps/portal/usp into your browsers address bar. After successfully navigating the login page, you should add the link to your favorites.

The login page below will be displayed. Please enter your login ID and password and select the Log In button to continue.

NOTE: If you mistype your login password after 3 attempts, you will be locked out of

The instructions below are for two scenarios; First Time User and Returning Users. Returning users who have already completed the prerequisites for the First Time user proceed to Logging In (Normal Login). Otherwise, all First Time Users need to follow the instruction below.
Logging In (First Time Users)

To login, please type [http://www.ncmust.com/wps/portal/usp](http://www.ncmust.com/wps/portal/usp) into your browsers address bar. After successfully navigating the login page, you should add the link to your favorites.

Type your NCID **user ID** and **Password**. You are now fully authenticated and can begin accessing the application.

First time user are required associate there account with an organization before any other actions can be taken in the system. Follow the below steps to associate your role with your particular Organization

**Requesting a Role:**

Once you have created your NCID ID and Password via [https://ncid.nc.gov/login/login.html](https://ncid.nc.gov/login/login.html) please follow the below instructions to request a role within your particular organization:

Go to "MY Profile" (located beneath the Welcome tab)

![Login Screen](image.png)
Scroll down the page to "Add New Association"

Type your Organization Name in the "Enter Organization Name" Text box
Click on "Get ORC Code" link
(your organization will show up in a box...)

Click the "Select" button next to the organization name.
(the ORC code will populate into the text box "Enter ORC Code" below) as shown

Click on the "Get Roles" Link
(You will be taken to the top of the page; you will need to scroll down again)

Click on the drop down arrow under "Select roles" link and highlight your desired role
Click on the "Add New Association" Link  
(You will be taken to the top of the page; you will need to scroll down again)

Click on "submit changes" button on the lower left hand corner.

At this point your Admin will receive an email. Once approved you will also receive an email confirming your role was granted.

*If your Organization has not been registered, then proceed to Chapter 5: Organization and User Registration. Each Organization will be required to register their business entity within the MUST application. Each Organization is required to have at least one user with the Primary Administrator role. The primary Administrator is the user who initially registers the Organization within MUST.
Logging In (Normal Login)
To login, please type https://www.ncmust.com/wps/portal/usp into your browser’s address bar. After successfully navigating the login page, you should add the link to your favorites.
Type your NCID user ID and Password. You are now fully authenticated and can begin accessing the application.

Logging Out
To log out, click on Log Out link in the upper right corner of the screen.

NOTE: After 30 minutes of inactivity you will be automatically logged you off. Any unsaved changes will be lost and you will be required to log back into the system.
Chapter 4: Organization Types and User Roles

The Medicaid Uniform Screening Tool (MUST) defines a separate set of user roles for each Organization type that is selected during Organization Registration. When the Organization is initially registered (See Chapter 5: Organization and User Registration), the Organization Admin is responsible for selecting all the types applicable to that organization.

Based on the Organization types selected, users registering under that organization will be offered a pre-defined set of roles from which to select.

An Organization can elect to register with more than one type. For instance, if the organization will be performing both screenings and admissions, then the admin of the organization would select both Admitting Agency as well as a Referring Agency. The roles granted to the organization will be a combined set of roles from each Type.

Types of Organizations

Since the initial deployment of the MUST application will only allow for PASRR screenings, the only applicable organization types are Admitting Agency and Referring Agency. Any additional types are reserved for future releases of the MUST tool and should not be selected.

Below is a description of each organization type and the user roles that will be granted to the organization and provided to the registering users.

Admitting Agency

An Admitting Agency is any organization that provides admission service for new applicants. Examples are nursing facilities, adult care homes and hospitals. This type will allow users of the organization to select roles to perform such tasks as Applicant Lookup and Tracking of applicants for the purpose of PASRR.

By selecting Admitting Agency, the roles granted to the organization and made available to the users registering under the organization are:

- Administrator
- Tracker
- Notification Viewer
**Referring Agency**

A Referring Agency is an agency who assists an applicant in obtaining care in one of the Medicaid long term care services programs. Examples are physician’s offices, hospitals and home care agencies and community care networks. Referring agencies are responsible for the submission of the PASRR Level I screens.

By selecting Referring Agency, the roles granted to the organization and made available to the users registering under the organization are:

- **Administrator**
- **Screener**
- **Tracker**
- **Notification Viewer**

**NOTE:** The only organization type with screening capabilities is the Referring Agency. If the registering organization needs these capabilities it is strongly recommended that they register as a Referring Agency.

**User Roles**

The differing user roles available to a user allow access to parts of the system associated with that role. The roles made available to the registering user are determined by what type of organization they are registering under.

The current list of all available user roles and a description is as follows:

**Administrator**

The organization administrator is responsible for submitting the organization registration form, signing the Confidentiality and Security Agreement, and approving individual users to the application. There may be more than one person assigned as administrator in an organization, but only one is designated as the primary administrator. The primary administrator signs the Confidentiality and Security Agreement and returns it to DXC Technology before any organization or individual users will gain access to the MUST
application. If the primary administrator leaves the organization, a new person needs to be designated as the primary administrator and a new Confidentiality and Security Agreement will need to be submitted to DXC Technology.

The Organization Administrator will be responsible for the following:

- Completing the Organization Registration form
- Completing Confidentiality and Security Agreement
- Approving subsequent users registering for access to the MUST application
- Ensuring that those users gain access to only those areas that are needed
- Disabling inactive user accounts
- Keeping the Organizations Profile up to date
- Delegating the Admin role to one or more backups within the Organization
- Taking the necessary action to correct a security breach.

An administrator can have more than one role within the organization. For example, the administrator can also have a screener role or a tracker role. All administrators have the ability to create user roles, edit, activate, deactivate, or suspend user accounts. They also have access to view all notification letters. This role is designated as an “Admin” in the application.

Selecting the Administrator role gives you access to the following functions within the system.

- Administration (see Chapter 6: Admin Functions (Administrators Only) )

**Screener**

Screeners are individuals who perform the screening on behalf of the applicant. They may be medical professionals, discharge planners, case manager, to name a few. The screener will gather information pertaining to the medical, functional and behavioral health capabilities of the applicant, and enter the information into the MUST application. Screeners also have the ability to perform an applicant look up (with required identifiers) on any individual who has a submitted screening in the application and can view all notification letters. Screeners may be associated with more than one organization, but must register (using the organization registration code) with each organization separately. This role is designated as a “Screener” in the application. Selecting the screening role gives you access to following functions within in the system.
• Screening (see [Chapter 7: Screening](#))
• Notifications (see [Chapter 8: Notifications](#))
• Applicant Lookup (see [Chapter 9: Applicant Lookup](#))

**Tracker**

A tracker manages the placement of applicants within facilities. The tracker can admit applicants into their facility, transfer applicants in and out of their facility and discharge applicants from their facility, as well as report deceased applicants. With the tracking function, the tracker will also be able to request an applicant’s existing PASRR number or verify whether the applicant has an existing PASRR number. If a user is not the organization administrator and will not be performing screenings, but desires to have applicant look up capabilities, it is recommended they register as a Tracker. This will allow the user to search for existing submitted screenings for an applicant as well as the ability to view notification letters. This role is designated as a “Tracker” in the application.

Selecting the Tracker role gives you access to following functions within in the system. Please select the link associated to read a detailed description or if you are reading from a printed copy, search the table of contents for specific content:

• Tracking (see [Chapter 10: PASRR](#))
• Notifications (see [Chapter 8: Notifications](#))
• Applicant Lookup (see [Chapter 9: Applicant Lookup](#))

**Notification Viewer**

Notification viewer has the ability to review notification letters sent. The administrator, screener and tracker have the notification viewer role automatically built into their roles. Notification viewer is also available as a separate role. Its purpose is to allow a designated person within the organization to receive and manage only the notification letters sent to or on behalf of the facility. Notification viewer, as a stand-alone role, does not have the ability to view or submit a screen.

Selecting the Notification Viewer role gives you access to following functions within in the system. Please select the link associated to read a detailed description or if you are reading from a printed copy, search the table of contents for specific content:

• Notifications (see [Chapter 8: Notifications](#))
REMEMBER: There can be more than one organization Admin. If the primary Admin leaves, a new Confidentiality & Security Agreement is required to be completed by the new primary Admin. A screener can belong to more than one organization.
Chapter 5: Organization and User Registration

Registering a user or an organization requires that the following prerequisites be satisfied:

- The user must complete the NCID registration process to obtain their login credentials. Please refer to Chapter 2: Creating your user login credentials.
- Please refer to Logging in (First Time Users) in Chapter 3: Logging Into MUST for detailed instructions.

The MUST application is a role based system and as such needs to know the following information:

- Who you are?
- Who do you work for?
- What are you allowed to do in the system?

Each Organization is required to register their business entity within the MUST application and is also required to have at least one user with the Primary Administrator Role. The Primary Administrator Role is granted to the user who registers the organization.

If you will not be the Primary Administrator for your Organization and your Organization has already been registered by an existing Administrator, please continue with the User Registration section below.

If you will be the Primary Administrator, then prior to registration you will need to be prepared with organization information such as the mailing address, phone, fax, organization type and level of care that Organization provides. Please refer to Chapter 4: Organizations Types and User Roles for a detailed description.

To register the Organization, please follow the instructions below.

Organization Registration

Access the following URL http://www.ncmust.com/mustapp/admingettingstarted.jsp

Under Step 3, click on the Organization Registration form link

The PDF document that will open contains two forms. The Confidentiality and Security Agreement and the Organization Registration Form. You are required to complete both forms

Complete the Confidentiality and Security Agreement. Please see the following section Confidentiality and Security Agreement Guidelines for information regarding the “Confidentiality and Security Agreement” form.

Complete the Organization Registration Form.
Enter your Organization Information and Mailing Address.

- **Organization name** – is the name of your organization (Medicaid enrollment name).
- **Department/Site** If your organization has more than one facility and uses the same name, then use this field to identify the location being registered. Please note each separate facility needs to be registered individually.
- **Medicaid Provider Number** – 20 characters (optional)
- **NPI** – 20 characters (optional)
- **Telephone Number, Fax Number** – phone numbers associated with the organization.
- **Address** - City, State, Zip Code and County

Enter the **Admin Contact** exactly as it was created in your NCID registration.

Add your credentials using the following list. **Note**: If you will not be assuming the screener role, you do not need to enter your credentials. If you decide at a later time that you will be assuming the screener role, you can update this by accessing **My Profile** from the **Welcome** Tab.

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Select the appropriate **Organization Type** (refer to **Chapter 4: Organizations Types and User Roles** for description). You may select more than one.
Check the **Agency Type(s)** that are applicable, from the list below. You may select more than one.

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Once both forms have been completed, you will need to return them by regular **mail** or **fax** to:

**NC Medicaid Uniform Screening Program**  
PO Box 300015  
Raleigh, NC 27622-001  
**Fax:** 1-919-816-3145

Once the USP Helpdesk receives the applications, we will activate the Organization and the Administrator account. An email will be sent to the person who registered the Organization letting them know that they are approved and ready to start accessing the system. Until that time, no actions can be performed within the system.
Following the approval, the Primary Administrator has the responsibility of approving subsequent user’s registrations under his organization as well as assigning and approving his own roles within the system. The Primary Administrator can also delegate the Administrator Role to registered users under his organization. For more information regarding the Administrators functions, please refer to Chapter 6: Admin Functions (Administrators Only).

**IMPORTANT:** If the primary administrator relinquishes his role completely, then a new **Confidentiality and Security Agreement** form will need to be submitted containing the new Primary Administrator’s information. Should the administrator remain the primary entity but assign the role of administrator to one or more others, in addition to himself, then a new Security Agreement Form is **not** required.

**NOTE:** The ORC is the unique identifier created for your organization. Keep the Organization Registration Code (ORC) in a safe place. All users who will register in the organization will need this code.
**Confidentiality and Security Agreement Guidelines**

The confidentiality and security agreement is designed to maintain the identity of Medicaid applicants for the protection of health information in accordance with state and federal law. The names and signature of the Authorized Manager and designated Administrator documented on this form signify that they have read this agreement and understand the obligation to protect confidential protected health and sensitive information.

The organization’s manager, while not having a role within this application, is the legally responsible party for the entity. In the event of a breach, the manager assumes the responsibility for corrective action under HIPAA and NC Identity Theft legislation and meeting the notification requirements of NC Identity Theft legislation.

Providers must read, sign, and return via US mail or fax the “Confidentiality and Security Agreement Form” to DXC Technology.

Upon receipt of the confidential security agreement form, the DXC Technology Helpdesk analyst will review the form for completion, accuracy and validate each required field. The analyst verifies the following data:

- A check has been entered in the small box at the end of the sentence that reads (Please check here if this is a CHANGE of designation Security Administrator). A check in this box will indicate that a provider change has occurred.
- Organization Name, Street Address, City, State, and Zip code.
- Organization Phone Number.
- Printed name of the Administrator (First, Middle, Last).
- Administrator Signature.
- Date of administrator signature.
- Printed name of the organization manager (CEO), Executive Director, Office Manager, or Supervising Physician).
- Signature of organization manager.
- Date of organization manager’s signature.

Once all required field information is reviewed by the DXC Technology Helpdesk Analyst for completion and accuracy, the form will be retained for audit purposes. A copy of the form can also be provided upon request. To avoid delays, please be sure to complete the form accurately.

**NOTE:** If the designated organization administrator, signing the Confidentiality & Security Agreement, leaves the company, a new Confidentiality & Security Agreement must be completed and submitted to DXC Technology.
User Registration

User registration allows a user to associate themselves with an Organization and apply for roles within the system. For more information on user roles, please review Chapter 4: User Roles or consult your Organization Administrator.

Registering as a user under an existing organization requires that the following prerequisites are satisfied:

- The user must complete the NCID registration process to obtain their login credentials. Please refer to Chapter 2: Creating your user login credentials.
- Please refer to Logging in (First Time Users) in Chapter 3: Logging Into MUST for detailed instructions.
- The organization must be registered and have received an organization registration code (ORC).

To register for user roles, please follow the instruction below:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3: Logging Into MUST or type https://www.ncmust.com/wps/portal/usp into your browser's address bar. Then type your NCID username and password and select the Login button.

To begin the user registration process, click on My Profile link. If you are new to the system, you will also see an additional link as shown below.
Your current user information is retrieved from your NCID registration and auto populated on the form. This information can only be updated through the NCID web application. If corrections are needed, you will need to login to NCID and make the correction on that site. Once those are made, you can select the “click here to sync with NCID” link as shown below.

If you are associated with a particular Medicaid Provider Number or NPI, enter that information here. These are optional fields.

Select the User’s credentials using the drop down box. If the desired credential is not listed in drop down box, select “Other“ and enter the credentials in the Comment field.
Under “Current Organization Associations and Roles” if you have not obtained the ORC code from the Organization Administrator, enter the name of the organization in the Organization Name field and click “Get ORC Code” Select the appropriate organization. The ORC will populate in the ORC field.

OR

If you have obtained the ORC from the Organization Administrator, enter the code in the ORC field.
Once the ORC code is entered, click on Get Roles. The screen will refresh and a Select Role drop down list will appear. Click the drop list box and select the desired role. If you don’t see the role you need, please contact your Organization Administrator. For more information on user roles, please read Chapter 5: Organizations Types and User Roles.

After you select the desired role, click on the Add New Association link. This will save the requested role and it will appear above under the heading “Current Organization Associations and Roles”. You will also notice that the role is in SAVED PENDING status.

To add additional roles, repeat steps 6 thru 8.

Once all desired roles have been added, click on the Submit Change button at the bottom left of the screen. IMPORTANT: If you don’t click on the Submit button, the saved roles will not be submitted and your changes will be lost.
The following confirmation page will appear. Click on the return button to view your role requests.

**Confirmation**

Your user information has been changed. Please logoff and login again.

If you are unable to login please contact the Helpdesk at 800-EDS-HELP.

Return

You will now notice (above) that the roles you have registered for are in the 'SAVE PENDING' status. This means that your roles have been submitted for approval by your Organization Admin. Your administrator will receive an automated email message alerting them to your registration.

You will also receive an automated email message once your Administrator has approved your roles. Until that approval is made, you will not have access to system functionality derived from the role.

**NOTE:** Users who are employed by more than one Organization may

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**Adding Additional User Roles After Initial User Registration**

User roles can be requested at any time by following the same steps above.
Chapter 6: Admin Functions (Administrators Only)

The Organization Administrator is a key role within the application. The administrator registers the organization in MUST and manages the security for the organization’s users. They can also modify an organization details, display a list of the organization’s users, approve new user roles, add user roles to self or others, and can edit or deactivate user roles.

How do I become an Organization Admin?

The Organization Administrator Role can be granted to you in two different ways:
- The Admin role is assigned to the person who initially registers the Organization. (see Chapter 5: Organization and User Registration)
- Or, the Admin role can be delegated to a user by another existing Admin. See Delegating the Administrator Role below.

Administrator Functions

To access the available Administrator functions, select the Admin Tab as shown below.

![Navigation menu]

Navigation is provided from the submenu options as shown below:

![Submenu options]

The following functions are available to the administrator from this page:
- View and Modify Organization Profile
- Show a list of users that are registered under the organization
- Edit a user's profile

Modify the Organization Details

The Organization Profile page allows the administrator to make changes to the organization’s information such as name, address, fax & phone, department, Medicaid provider number, NPI, provider type, and the organization web site.

Also from the Organization Profile page, the administrator can view the list of Users who are registered to the organization and activate, deactivate or create user roles.
To modify an organization, follow these steps:

1. Click on the **Admin** tab. The organization profile is displayed. The admin can edit the organizations profile and mailing address by changing applicable data, see example below.

Check the **Agency Type(s)** that are applicable. You may select more than one. The agency type is used when a referring agency wants to refer an applicant to your organization. They will filter the organizations by the Agency Type to identify only those facilitates that are applicable. Please select all that apply so your organization isn’t overlooked.
To change the **Organization Type**, please contact the DXC Technology Helpdesk.

After making the necessary edit changes, click the **Submit Changes** button. A system message will display.

**Display a List of Users**

From the Organization Profile page, the administrator can view the list of Users who are registered to their organization. The administrator can create user roles, authorize user roles, and activate or suspend a user’s role on the system.

To display a list of users, follow these steps:
1. Click on the link Show Users for (organization name).

A list of registered users appears. To access a particular user’s account, click on the link of their user login name. An example is shown below.

To return to the previous page, click on the **Organization Profile** link.
Approve User Roles

The administrator of the organization approves the user role when a new user registers to the organization. The user registers to the organization and the role status remains pending until the administrator gives the user permission to use the MUST application. The administrator will receive an email message notifying them of a user requesting role approval. The user will also receive an email notifying them of a pending role status.

To approve a user role, follow these steps:

1. Complete the steps in the previous section Display a List of Users.

A list of registered users displays as shown in the example below. Notice the user login name “newuserlhs” has no Role/Status. Click on the user login name link to access.
The Edit User Role page opens.

Under the **Action** box, click the **Approve** button for the role that has a pending status (in this example “Notification Viewer”). The role status changes from **Pending** to **Active** and a **Deactivate** button appears. Repeat this step to approve additional roles for this user. Click the **Submit Changes** button.

**NOTE:** Once a role is approved, it can...
Click on the **Organization Users** link to return to the previous page. The list of users for the organization displays now showing 3 user roles for login user “newuser”.

![Users of EDS LHS](image)

To approve additional users, click on the **user login name** link to open the Edit user Role page.

**Delegating the Administrator Role:**

Only the administrator of the organization can assign and approve the Admin Role to an existing user. An organization can contain multiple administrators however only one admin acts as the security admin and is responsible for the Confidentiality and Security Agreement. If this individual leaves that position and a new admin is appointed, a new Confidentiality and Security Agreement must be sent in. To add an administrator role to another user:

Access the **Approve User Roles** page as described above. After the specific user’s account is selected, click on the **Create Role** button next to the Admin user role. The user role status is changed to pending and the administrator will need to approve the new role. The user will receive an email notifying them of the change in user role status.
**Edit User Information**

The administrator cannot edit the user's information. If user information is incorrect or needs updating users should follow Step 3: Edit User Information. Please have your users follow this instructions in [Registering for an NCID account](#).

**Activate/Deactivate a User Role**

To activate or deactivate a role, the administrator will access the [Approve User Roles](#) as described above. After the specific user's account is selected, click on the **Deactivate** button for the user role to deactivate. The user role status is changed from **Active** to **Deactivate**. The user will receive an email notifying them of the change in user role status. See example below.

![Activate/Deactivate User Role Example](#)

**NOTE:** The organization administrator has the...
Chapter 7: Screening

Important Announcement:
Prior to using the screening functionality, please review the Requirements and Prerequisites documented in Appendix F: Screening Requirements and Prerequisites as well as Appendix G: PASRR Requirements and Prerequisites

A PASRR screening is required for all Nursing Facility admissions, regardless of payer source. If the patient is not a North Carolina Medicaid applicant then you may complete a PASRR Only request.

The screening functionality is only accessible to users with the "Screening Role". Users with access to Screening will see the “Screening” tab as shown below. You can also determine your available access by looking at your current roles as identified in the magnified area below:

If you are not able to access a particular tab, Please refer to User Registration in Chapter 5.

Screening Overview
The functions available to the user from the screening tab are as follows.

- Screening
- My Inbox
- Submit New Screen

The picture below illustrates these available options
Screening Page

The Screening page contains a complete history of all the screenings submitted by the user’s organization. These screenings may be in various stages of the workflow process (Running, Saved, Completed, etc.). Please Note: Once a screen is submitted, it cannot be deleted.

Screening Filter

The Screening Filter can be used to access or search applicants more quickly within the specific organization rather than by scrolling through all the screenings.

- The Filter By drops down to allow a search by:
  - Applicant First Name - SSN - USP ID
  - Applicant Last Name - Screener First Name
  - Completed Date - Screener Last Name - Screening Type
  - MUST ID - Status
  - Medicaid ID - Submission Date

- The Condition is the value used to determine how the search will evaluate the “filter by” value with the text value. Currently “equals” is the only condition available.

- Filter Value is a free-form text entry of what is being searched for.

The following example uses the Screening Filter to search for applicants whose first name is “Rita”.

**Screening Filter**
a. In the Filter by drop box select the Applicant First Name
b. Leave the Condition of Equals
c. Enter “Rita” in the Filter Value
d. Click on Add button

NOTE: Clear Filters button can be selected to search by other filters or to display the entire list of screenings. Adding an additional filter condition (with an existing one) will create the parameter of “and”.

To select a particular screening, click on the MUST ID link in the far left column.
**Screening List**

The screening list is displayed with column headings that can be used to sort the screenings. When the **Screenings** are initially opened, they will be listed according to the most recent screening entered, regardless of status. By clicking on any of these blue column headers the screenings will be sorted in alpha or numeric order, based on the column heading.

- **MUST ID** is a unique number assigned by the tool for each screening within the MUST application to identify that particular screening. This column displays all the screenings by their MUST ID number with the latest screenings being displayed first. An applicant may have several screenings thus they will also have several MUST ID numbers. The details of the screening (to be discussed later on) may be accessed by clicking on the MUST ID number.

- **Applicant Name** column lists the name of the applicant being screened by their last name followed by their first name and middle initial.

- **SSN** column lists the last four numbers of the applicant’s Social Security Number. Not all applicants may have an SSN. Note: when entering a SSN into the MUST application as in the Screen Filter section above all 9 characters must be typed in.

- **USP ID** is a unique identifying number assigned by the MUST application for an individual being screened. This column lists the USP ID number for the individual applicant. Unlike the MUST ID an individual applicant only receives one USP ID. If the applicant does not have a SSN, the Helpdesk can be called and a USP ID will be issued to uniquely identify them within the application.

- **Medicaid ID** column lists the applicant’s Medicaid number. Not all applicants will have a Medicaid ID number.

- **Status** column lists the stage that the screening is in: Completed, Running or Saved. See examples in Screening List on page 71.
  a. **Completed** – *(Green)* The MUST screening is completed and has been through the entire workflow process
  b. **Running** – *(No Color)*. The MUST screening has been submitted for processing but is still in the workflow process. It could be:
     - Waiting on a decision to be entered by the screener. If a decision is not entered within 30 days the application will automatically terminate the screening.
     - Awaiting further documentation from the screener, or
     - Could have been sent for a Level II PASRR review
  c. **Saved** - *(Peach)* The MUST screening has been saved by the screener as it is not complete.
     - All data that has been placed on the screening will be held for up to 90 days if it is not submitted. After 90 days of no activity on the screening, the screening will no longer be available. **NOTE:** No notification will be
sent to the screener prior to a saved screening being removed from the list of screenings.

- **Submission Date** column is the date the completed screening was submitted to the application for review and recommendation.
- **Completed Date** column is the date the screening completed the entire workflow process.
- **Screener Name** column is the name of the screener that submitted the screening for processing.

NOTE: The MUST ID assigned to a screening is considered PHI (protected health information). All HIPAA rules apply regarding the use of the MUST ID.

**My Inbox**

Click on the **My Inbox** sub-tab:

**My Inbox** provides a tool to manage the screenings the current logged in user has initiated. These screenings are in saved or running status and waiting on a response from the screener. To see if action needs to be taken, select the MUST ID link and review the details of the screen.

**Accessing Applicant Data**

To obtain applicant data, click on the **MUST ID** for the applicant that needs to be accessed. The screen will display the details about that individual screening. The following is a portion of the detail screen, along with a description of each section.
Applicant Information

Applicant
Display the applicant’s name, date of birth (DOB), MID, SSN and PASRR# information

Current Facility Address
Displays the current facility the applicant is in. This field only populates if the information was entered on the screening form.

Last Tracking Address
Displays the last address entered into the MUST application if the applicant is currently being tracked through the PASRR Level II process. This will not be present in most cases

Physical Address
Displays the physical address of the applicant

Currently Assigned
Displays the name of the individual that currently has ownership of the screening

Workflow Tasks
Displays any tasks waiting to be performed (Currently not being shown)

Workflow Status
Displays a chronological log from when the screening was begun and every process that occurred thereafter. This area may be expanded by clicking on . This is a good place to track the process status of the screening.
The lower portion of the applicant detail screen is shown below:

### Screening Information

#### Screener
Displays the name of the screener, their phone number, email and organization they are associated with.

#### Screening Outcome
This is a PASRR ONLY form which does not produce an outcome.

### Attachments and Messages

#### Attachments
‘UniformScreening.pdf’ is a PDF version of the screening that was just entered. This form may be printed. Also available in this area will be any addition information that has been requested. This information will be stored in files that can be brought up by clicking on them (currently not shown).

#### Messages
Displays any messages by date, author and message text.

**NOTE:** Any field with can be selected or clicked on and the field will open to display more information. When is clicked the field will be closed or minimized.
Submitting a New Screen

A PASRR screening is required for all Nursing Facility admissions, regardless of payer source. If the patient is not a North Carolina Medicaid applicant then the screener may complete a PASRR Only review.

The PASRR screening is a four (4) page form designed to determine the appropriateness of nursing facility care for individuals with mental illness (MI), intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) or conditions related to mental retardation (RC). For more information on PASRR, refer to Appendix G: PASRR Requirements and Prerequisites.

NOTE: Prior to submitting a new screening, please confirm applicant does not have an existing PASRR #. For instructions on performing an applicant lookup, refer to Chapter 9: Applicant Lookup

To initiate a new screening, following these steps:

Click on the Screening Tab and then the Submit New Screen sub-tab.

The header page that contains the demographic information for the screener and applicant displays.
## Submit New Screen

### Step 1. Verify Your Contact Information

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<th>Organization:</th>
<th>Organization Id:</th>
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<td>111 Raleigh, NC 27613</td>
<td>999-999-9999</td>
<td>999-999-9999</td>
<td><a href="mailto:screener.user@email.com">screener.user@email.com</a></td>
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- **Submit this Screen On-Behalf**: Selecting this option box allows you to enter contact details of the person on-behalf of whom you are entering this screen.

### Step 2. Enter Applicant Information

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### Step 3. Select Screening Type Details

**Preferred Setting of Care:**

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**Screening Type:**

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You have selected the PASRR Screening for Adult Care Home (ACH). The screening (person interviewing and collecting the clinical data provided on the form) can only be completed by an authorized community member who is not a legal representative of the individual being screened, and is not employed, paid by or affiliated with a licensed ACH.

If you are a legal representative of the individual being screened, paid by or affiliated with a Licensed Adult Care Home, please refer to the following process prior to completing the online screen. Follow the Paper Based Process.

Select appropriate Screening Type based on the screening to be created. The Screening Type can NOT be changed after you start filling the form.

Enter the Applicant information above and then select the type of form you wish to complete. This information will automatically populate on the form. If you need to change your contact info, please follow the instructions for updating User Account in the User Documentation.
**Step 1:** Verify Your Contact Information

Make sure that the screener name, organization, organization ID, organization address, telephone, fax and e-mail are all correct.

**Step 2:** Enter Applicant Information

Key in the applicant’s last name, first name, middle name if applicable, date of birth, social security number (obtain a USP ID for an undocumented resident that does not have a social security number).

**NOTE:** For applicants that do not have a Social Security Number, must contact the DXC Technology Helpdesk for an assignment of a USP ID before proceeding with a screening.

**Step 3:** Select Screening Type Details:

Preferred Setting of Care:

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<th>Adult Care Home (ACH)</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Please visit dma.com for Adult Care Home Instructions</td>
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</table>

Screening type

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<tr>
<th>PASRR Only Review</th>
<th>This option would be selected for applicants that are being admitted to a Medicaid certified Nursing Facility with a payer source other than North Carolina Medicaid and need a PASRR number prior to admission.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Change in Condition Review</td>
<td>This option would be selected if there is a significant change in mental condition, either better or worse and a new PASRR screening needs to be performed</td>
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</table>

Click on **Continue** to proceed with the screening submission.

Complete the 4 page PASRR screening form. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for a sample PASRR screening form and field descriptions.

**NOTE:** If you receive an error: “information does not match”

Please contact the DXC Technology helpdesk to verify the applicant information.
1. Check the screener certification box on the last page

The last field on the form is a legally binding verification by the screener that all entered data is complete and truthful to the best of the screener’s knowledge. An example is shown.

Once all information has been entered, click Submit. If the screening form has errors, follow the instructions under Correcting Errors. Upon successfully completing the MUST form the unique MUST ID number will be displayed in the top left corner of the screen. This is the MUST ID number that will appear on the MUST Notification letters.

Correcting Errors

If the screening form was not completed properly, you will receive errors that will appear in red at the top of the page. To correct the errors, do one of the following:
1. Click on the page number link highlighted in blue to go to the page where the error is. The field that is missing or incorrect will be highlighted in **red**. Correct the necessary information. Additional fields that need correcting will also be highlighted in red. Once all red highlighted fields have been corrected, click **submit** again. If there were no more errors, you will receive the “*Screening has been submitted. MUST ID: XXXX*” message.

OR

Click on the specific error link highlighted in red to go to that error. The field that needs correcting will be highlighted in **pink**. Correct the necessary information. Additional fields that need correcting will be highlighted in red. Once all red highlighted fields have been corrected, click **submit** again. If there were no more errors, you will receive the “*Screening has been submitted. MUST ID: XXXX*” message.
**Reviewing Screening Outcome / Results**

The workflow process is real time and a result is generated instantaneously. The user can review the results by returning to the Screening List. To review a screening outcome, follow these steps:

1. Click on the **Screenings** tab to view processed screenings. Screenings are listed from most recently submitted.
2. Under the screening list, click on the MUST ID of the screening you wish to open.

**NOTE:** The screening does not guarantee Medicaid eligibility, payment of services and/or admission into the program.
With a PASRR screening, an applicant with no signs of MI, IDD or RC will receive an immediate PASRR number. Two notification letters will be generated and will be available in the screener’s Notifications box. One letter is for the screener to place in the applicant’s file and the other letter is the applicant’s copy. This copy may be printed and handed to the applicant at the time of the screening.

To view the notification, follow the instruction under Chapter 8: Notifications

**Manual Review**

If a submitted screening requires a manual review, the status will indicate “PASRR Manual Review” A PASRR Nurse Analyst will review the screening and make a determination. If DXC Technology requires additional information, the status will then reflect “PASRR Review Addl Info” and the documentation requested will be indicated in the Messages section (see Attachments section below).

**Level II Referral**

If the result of the PASRR screening indicates the applicant is suspected of having a mental illness, a face to face level II evaluation is required. When the screening has been submitted, the screening status will indicate “QMHP Assignment” meaning the screening was sent to EarthMark Consultants Inc. for review. For more information about EarthMark and the evaluation process, click here.

To check the status of a screening sent for a level II evaluation:

1. In the Screening List, click on the MUST ID of the desired screening
2. In the right column under “Workflow Status”, click on the “+” to expand the workflow. The screener can determine where in the manual review this screening is.
3. Two PASRR Level II Referral Notifications will be sent to the screener’s notification inbox (screener copy and applicant copy). When the level II evaluation has been completed, a PASRR Level II Determination Notification will be sent to the screener’s notification inbox.
Attachments

If the screening goes to manual review and the reviewer requests further information, under **Attachments and Messages**, the **Message** field will indicate the request for specific information. In the following example, the request is for submission of the patient's psychiatric evaluation and FL2 form.

**Adding Attachments**

If the requested information is available on the screener's hard drive, it can be added to the screening and sent back through the USP application as an attachment. To add the requested attachment:

1. Click the **Browse** tab under **Add Attachment**. This will open windows explorer on the current user’s workstation.
2. Select the desired file and add an attachment description (see below)

![Add Attachment](image)

3. Click on **Upload**. After each upload, the attachment information will appear.

![Attachments and Messages](image)

Repeat steps 1, 2 and 3 to add additional documentation.

![Messages](image)

**NOTE:** The file size limit for attachments is 4MB (per attachment). For larger files, please save as a PDF, TIF or GIF or use WinZip to compress your file size.
**Attaching Files Using WinZip**

Due to file size limitations, attachments should be no larger than 4MB, per attachment. Converting Word documents to a PDF file type will reduce the file size. Printers that have an email/scan option will automatically convert the scanned documents to a PDF format. A freeware PDF converter program is available that will convert a Word document to PDF at [http://www.primopdf.com/](http://www.primopdf.com/).

**NOTE:** Freeware programs are for public use and may put your computer at risk for contracting viruses. Information regarding freeware is provided to you as a courtesy and is not an endorsement. *Use at your own risk*

In the event the requested documentation is larger than 4MB, the documents can be compressed using WinZip and attached as a single file. Most computers with a Windows based operating system will have the WinZip program.

To zip multiple files or documents, follow these steps:

1. On the task bar, click **Start**, select **All Programs**, select the **WinZip** program, then select the WinZip executable file.
2. Click on **New** to create a new zip file.

![Image of WinZip interface]

3. Name the zip file and save it to the Desktop by clicking **OK**

![Image of WinZip interface with file naming]

4. The command box to add documents will appear. To add documents to the zip file, locate the document by following its original path. Once located, click on **Add**. The document(s) will appear in the WinZip window.

   **Note:** To attach multiple documents located in the same folder, hold the **Ctrl** (control) button and select the multiple documents.
The zip file has now been created. To attach the zip file to the screening follow steps 1-3 under **Attachment** above.

**Remember:** the zip file created was saved to the desktop, so when you select **Browse** to add the attachment, look for the file on the desktop.
Time Limits and Auto Populating

**Time Limits**

- After 30 minutes of inactivity the user will be logged off the system and will have to log back in. Click the **Save** button often to avoid losing data.
- A saved screen (not submitted) is available for 90 days. After 75 days, an email notification will be sent to the screener indicating the screening must be submitted or the screening will be closed.
- Screenings in the Screening List will be available for 90 days, regardless of status. Once a completed screening is 21 days old (from completion date), it will roll into an archived list where it will remain until the 90th day. To view these screenings, click on the [Show Archived Screen] link.
- To retrieve a screening older than 90 days, the Applicant Lookup function (Chapter 9) will allow you to access the applicant and any related screenings.

**Auto Populating**

If a screening is resubmitted within 30 days of the completion of the screening all the fields will be populated on the form. The screener will only need to go in and change the fields that have changed since the last screening. After 30 days, only the demographic data will auto-populate.
Chapter 8: Notifications

The MUST system automatically generates notification letters based on the outcome of the screening. All notifications are sent to the applicants, the screeners, providers if applicable, and legal guardian based on approval, denial or termination of the screening. The MMIS system automatically generates notification letters when prior approved services are denied or reduced.

After an applicant is screened, a MUST notification letter is generated. The notification letters are designed to reflect different scenarios based on the results of the screening. Notification letters will be sent automatically by U.S. Mail to the applicant. The screener will have the option to print the letter and provide a copy of the letter to the applicant and/or responsible person at the time of the screening. The applicant will then take the letter to their local county Department of Social Services (DSS) and/or applicable local provider agency.

All of the notification letters are stored in the MUST system and comply with NC state and federal security guidelines including HIPAA.

An email notification will be sent to the Screener’s Notifications page.

NOTE: A few notes to keep in mind when screening an applicant:

* Notification letters for screeners will be e-mailed, if applicable, to the organization address into which the screener is currently logged.
* Notification letters to applicants will be mailed to the “Mailing Address” provided in the screening form.
* If the applicant already resides in a facility, the letter will be mailed to the “Current Facility” address entered in the screening form.
* If the “Legally Responsible Person” address is filled in the screening form, this will override the “Mailing Address”.
* All Notification letters are e-mail notifications and therefore may be printed by the user at time of receipt or later in addition to the letters that are applicable for the mailing process.

Copies of all correspondence and written notifications, as required by DMA policies and federal regulations, are maintained in a secure electronic form that can be identified and
referenced to a specific request. The correspondence and written notifications can be viewed or printed out, on-line in real time.

 Notices are automatically sent via a mailing service which sends notifications for the USP. Some letters are considered Due Process which is a state mandated notification. The MUST will talk with the MMIS (Medicaid Management Information System), auto-populate the data into MMIS and auto-send the notification letters which are also processed by the contracted mailing service for MMIS.

To access and view the Notifications, follow these steps:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3

2. Click on the Notifications tab

3. The notifications list will appear. The user will be able to quickly view the MUST ID, the applicant name, type of letter, the PDF file attachments, the creation date & time, and who it was sent to. All notification letters are printed in duplicate, containing an agency copy and an applicant copy.

4. To open a particular notification, click on the PDF file link.
The following is a description of the various notification letters utilized:

**PASRR Level I Determination Notice**

The PASRR Level I Determination notification is generated when an applicant has been screened for entrance into a nursing facility, where there is no evidence of MI, MR, or RC. The applicant/guardian will receive a copy of the PASRR Determination notice via US mail and the screener/organization facility will receive a copy of the letter via email. The email notification will be listed as *PASRR_A*.

**PASRR Level II Determination Notice**

The PASRR Level II Determination notification is generated when an applicant is referred to a Level II screening. Because the applicant has the right to appeal, an appeal form is included. The applicant/guardian will receive a copy of the PASRR Determination notice via US mail and the screener/organization facility will receive a copy of the letter via email. The email notification will be listed as *PASRR_E, B or C*.

**PASRR Level II Referral Notice**

The PASRR Level II Referral notification is generated showing the results of the current screening as the applicant having suspected MI, MR, or RC. The applicant/guardian will receive a copy of the PASRR Referral notice via US mail and the screener/organization facility will receive a copy of the letter via email. The email notification will be listed as *PASRR_L2_Referral*. 
## Nursing Facility Authorization Codes

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Chapter 9: Applicant Lookup

The online PASSAR system allows Referring agencies and Admitting facilities an on-line capacity to search for screening requests based on the applicant’s unique identifiers (using multiple search criteria such as MID, SSN, name, etc.). Any applicant who has a screening entered into the application will be searchable through the applicant lookup function. The tool can access any applicant within any organization that has been assigned a MUST ID. This function is especially helpful in determining if the applicant has been previously screened and has received a PASRR number. The results show the applicant's screening history and corresponding determinations.

To access the Applicant Lookup tab, follow these steps:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3
2. Click on the Applicant Lookup tab

The Applicant Search page allows all users to perform a single record search based on at least 3 out of the 7 identifying pieces of information as noted below:

- First and Last Name (treated as 1 piece of info)
- DOB (Date of Birth)
- SSN (Social Security Number)
- MID (Medicaid Identification)
- MUST ID (If MUST ID is selected as one of the values, only one of the other values is required)
• PASRR number
• USP ID

Entering 3 Identifiers

1. Enter any combination of 3 identifying values (except MUST ID) as shown below, in this example, Name, SSN, and DOB have been selected:

![Applicant Search Form]

2. Click Search button. The system returns the applicant file. An example is shown:

![Applicant Search Results]

3. Click on the applicant’s First Name in blue. Details of the applicant displays.
Complete screening, tracking and PASRR history displayed for this applicant. The most recent info will be at the top of the list and is in chronological order.
**Entering 2 Identifiers**

When the MUST ID is used, then only one other piece of identifying information is required. The search is performed the same way as is done using 3 identifiers.

**Entering Invalid Identifiers**

Should incorrect applicant data be entered into Applicant Search, an error message “There are no Applicants found matching the search criteria. Please revise your search criteria”.

**MUST ID’s Not in Your Organization**

The Applicant Lookup tool can access any applicant, not only within the user’s organization but within any organization, or in other words, any applicant that has been assigned a MUST ID. All that is needed is the applicant’s MUST ID and one other piece of identifying information. In the previous example, on page 123, when the Applicant Detail was accessed, the 6th column over identified the screener’s organization as, Alpha Organization.

**REMEMBER: Always** perform an applicant lookup prior to submitting a new PASRR request, to determine if the applicant has an existing PASRR #.
Chapter 10: Applicant Tracking

Important Announcement:
Prior to using the screening functionality, please review the Requirements and Prerequisites documented in Appendix G: PASRR Requirements and Prerequisites.

What is Applicant Tracking
The MUST application has a tracking mechanism designed to monitor a patient’s location and due date information to assure timely assessments.

NOTE: Currently Applicant Tracking is set to only track those recipients that have PASRR Level II authorizations – or those applicants that have been determined to have MI, MR or related conditions. So, not all applicants that have USP # will be located within this tool – only those with PASRR Level II assignments. In the future, this application may be expanded to include a broader base of applicants.

The permanent medical record transfers with the patient in the case of:
- Transfers to another Medicaid-certified facility
- Relocation to another facility which is not a Medicaid certified NF or moves to a lower level of care
- Resident is deceased
- Being discharged from the nursing facility. Discharge means that the resident has either been placed in a less restrictive setting than the nursing facility or the resident no longer resides in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility bed.

Tracking
To access the Tracking portlet, follow these steps:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3.
   Click on the Tracking tab.
The Tracking submenu displays. This screen is set to default to Get PASRR Info information. Other request tabs available are Admit, Transfer Out, Discharge, Deceased and Transfer In. The functioning of each tab will be discussed below.

Request PASRR Information

This tab is useful for a user desiring PASRR information on an applicant. Remember, only applicants who have been screened and assigned a PASRR number, will be in this database. To Request PASRR Information, follow these steps:

1. Enter valid last name
   Enter valid first name
   Enter valid SSN
   Click submit

   PASRR information and PASRR history for the applicant is displayed
Admit New Applicant

After an applicant has been screened and assigned a PASRR number, the applicant is ready to be admitted into a facility that can provide the needed services to the applicant. In order for a facility to receive this applicant, the applicant must be admitted through the Tracking portlet. To admit an applicant:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3. Click on the Tracking tab.
2. Click on the Admit sub-tab to access the following:
   
   3. Enter valid last name
   4. Enter valid first name
   5. Enter valid SSN
   6. Click Submit (applicant information is displayed)
7. Enter the ORC of the Admitting organization or enter the organization name and click Get ORC Code to search for the ORC

8. Enter applicant admission date (admission date cannot be more than 60 days from the current date)

9. Enter notes (optional: may be used to help identify new patient)

10. Click Admit Applicant and a confirmation will populate showing applicant was successfully admitted.

If errors in demographics are noted after 30 days, contact the DXC Technology Helpdesk and a DXC Technology Nurse Analyst can go into the screen and make the needed corrections.
Transfer Out

If for any reason, a PASRR applicant in your facility needs to be transferred to another facility, this may be accomplished through the application, as long as the applicant was admitted into your facility through the tracking portlet. Once you transfer the applicant from your facility, that applicant is available to be transferred into another facility. To transfer an applicant from your facility:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3. Click on the Tracking tab.
2. Click on the Transfer Out sub-tab. Applicants who are currently admitted into your facility will display.

3. To select the applicant to be transferred out, click the Transfer Out button beside their name.
4. The applicant’s information is displayed. Verify the information is correct (see below)
Transfer Out (Duck, Donald)

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### Step 2. Enter the Organization Registration Code

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### Step 3. Verify and Continue

[Continue]  [Cancel]
5. Enter a valid ORC to where the applicant is being transferred (communication between the current ORC and the new ORC is required, the transfer to ORC will receive this applicant in their organization)
6. Click continue

7. New ORC information is displayed with the administrator name as contact person

8. Enter valid transfer out date (this date cannot be prior to the applicant’s admission date. Enter notes (optional)

9. Click Transfer Out

10. Successful transfer notice is displayed

Transfer In

Once an applicant has been successfully transferred out by the previous facility, the receiving facility must transfer the applicant into their facility. To admit an applicant into a new facility:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3. Click on the Tracking tab.

2. Click on the Transfer In sub-tab. Applicants currently transferred out from another organization (with your ORC) will appear on your list of applicants associated with your org.

3. To select the applicant to be transferred in, click the Transfer In button beside their name.

The applicant’s information is displayed. Verify the information is correct.
Enter the transfer in date (date cannot be prior to the previous org transfer out date). Enter notes (optional: may be used to help identify new patient).

Click on the Transfer In button

Successful update message is displayed
Discharge Applicant

An applicant that will be discharged to home or to a lower level of care facility will need to be discharged from your facility. To discharge an applicant:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in Chapter 3. Click on the Tracking tab.
2. Click on the Discharge sub-tab. Applicants who are currently admitted into your facility will display.

To select the applicant to be discharged, click the Discharge button beside their name.

The applicant’s information is displayed. Verify the information is correct.
Select the discharge location from the drop down box. Enter valid discharge date (cannot be prior to the admission date). Enter notes (optional).

Click on the **Discharge** button.

Successful discharge notice is displayed.

**Deceased applicant**

Once a patient expires, they should be reported as deceased in the tracking portlet. To report a deceased applicant:

1. Access and log in to the MUST application as described in [Chapter 3](#). Click on the **Tracking** tab
   
   Click on the **Deceased** sub-tab. Applicants who are currently admitted into your facility will display page

A To select the applicant to report deceased, click the **Report Deceased** button beside their name
The applicant’s information is displayed. Verify the information is correct
Enter date of death (cannot be prior to the admission date). Enter notes (optional)
Click on the **Report Deceased** button.

Successful update message is displayed
Chapter 11: Due Process and Appeals Rights

Purpose of Due Process
Due process allows all Medicaid applicants the right to appeal prior approval decisions for Medicaid services based on Medicaid medical policies. Due Process is a course of judicial proceedings or other governmental activities designed to safeguard the legal rights of all individuals.

Effective January 01, 2006, the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) implemented specific changes to the appeal process to ensure that DMA staff and contractors provide consistent, prompt processing of all requests for prior approval of Medicaid services and to comply with HIPAA guidelines for notifications to the providers and applicants.

Prior approval is required for many Medicaid services, products, and procedures to verify medical necessity. Prior approval must be obtained before delivering a service, product or procedure that requires prior approval. Requests for prior approval must be submitted as specified in the clinical coverage policies on DMA’s website at [http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma). Requests for mental health, developmental disability or substance abuse services must be done so in accordance with the published policies of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS).

When a completed MUST form is submitted, if the request is approved for Nursing Facility, MUST notifies the screener of the approval so that the provider can make arrangements to promptly provide the requested service to the applicant. If, based upon the information submitted the request cannot be approved, MUST may deny or reduce/change the request. Both the applicant and screener will receive written notification of the MUST decision. The notice will also explain how the applicant may appeal Medicaid’s decision in the event he/she believes Medicaid’s decision to be incorrect.

If a request for prior approval does not contain sufficient information for the MUST to determine whether the request should be approved or denied, the MUST tool will suspend for manual review to be reviewed by the USP nursing staff.

Once reviewed by the USP nursing staff and a determination outcome received, the USP review nurse will re-enter the request back into the USP work flow process with the following outcomes:
- Request for additional information
- Approve the request
- Deny the request
If the outcome is to request additional information, the system will send written notification to the screener and the applicant that the form lacks the necessary documentation to review the request. The screener must submit additional documentation as specified by USP nursing staff within 15 business days of the date of the notice for additional information.

If there is no response from the screener or if the screener does not submit the additional information within the 15 business day from the date of this notice, the screening information will be terminated requiring a new screening.

**NOTE:** Prior to the implementation of the

### Appeals Rights

Federal PASRR regulations include a provision by which applicants may appeal adverse determinations made through the PASRR program. Adverse determinations include decisions that an applicant does not require the level of services provided by a nursing facility or that the applicant does or does not require specialized services. These appeal procedures apply to both Medicaid and non-Medicaid applicants.

Applicants and/or legal representatives are always provided with written notification of an appeal determination. Mailed determinations are accompanied by notification of appeal rights through the fair hearing process. The appeals process is initiated when the applicant mails in the completed Appeal form to DMA. An evidentiary hearing will be provided at the request of those individuals and will be held at the Division of Medical Assistance. The DMH/DD/SAS is responsible for representing the State's position regarding the PASRR determination.

Individuals determined through the fair hearing process to require a transfer or discharge, as well as those persons who do not appeal a Level II determination of transfer or discharge, must be discharged according to requirements in Subpart E of the federal rules.
Appendix C: Useful Tips for Navigating the Screening Form

1. The **Form Serial Number** that displays at the top left corner of the HTML format or at the bottom of the PDF form will become the **MUST ID** for the applicant for this particular screening once the screening form is saved or submitted.

2. To navigate through the MUST form fields, use the mouse to click in the individual fields and type in the required information. **Note: Using the tab key on the keyboard will also move the cursor from one field to the next.**

3. Options can be selected from the drop down boxes by 1) clicking on the downward arrow and highlighting the desired selection; 2) typing the first letter of the desired selection; or 3) using the up and down arrow keys to highlight the selection and then pressing enter or tab.  
**To select multiple items in a drop down list box hold the **Ctrl** key and click each item desired.**

4. To move through the document, use the Scroll Bar (PDF version) or click on the page advance icons (first page, next page, previous page, last page) at the top of the document to advance page by page through the document (HTML version).

5. To select a check box or radio button, use the mouse and click in the area or press the spacebar on the keyboard once that option has been selected by using the Tab key.

6. Some fields (such as date and time stamp) are automatically populated; also any applicant demographics cannot be changed. When tabbing through the form these fields will be skipped.

7. To save editing changes, **click the Save button often.** The save, submit and delete buttons are located at the top and bottom of the screening for ease of accessibility.

8. Required fields are displayed in red once the form has been submitted. An easy way to fix "required field errors" when moving through the form is to click the **Submit** button after each page is completed. A list of error messages will display at the top of the page. Then click the link in the **Error** column to quickly jump to that location. The **Page Number** or **Section** may also be selected if there are a number of errors on that page or section, respectively. If the **Save**
button is clicked, the **Error** messages will be removed from view.

9. The **Delete** button will delete a “SAVED” form only. Once a form has been submitted, it cannot be deleted, only closed.
Appendix E: Screening Requirements and Prerequisites

Authorized and trained screeners (local health and social service professionals including selected approved staff within individual organizations) can enter medical, functional, and behavioral health information into the automated web-based tool. The screener may have to do some research to get more applicant information. Once the data has been entered into MUST, the screening will be submitted into the Uniform Screening Program workflow. During the workflow process, following established Medicaid clinical policy, a proposed “best fit” / “alternate fit” long term care recommendation for the applicant will be generated. The screener works with the applicant to review the long term care service options and helps determine the most appropriate placement for the applicant. If the applicant decides to select an option, the screener may assist the applicant in identifying the next step(s) in accessing services.

The MUST application is also used to screen all applicants regardless of payor source applying for or currently a resident in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility, to determine compliance with the federally mandated Pre Admission Screening and Resident Review Level I (PASRR) screening: This program is used to help determine:

- Whether the individual has a serious mental illness (MI), intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), or conditions related to mental retardation (RC).
- Whether the individual with MI, MR, or RC requires the level of services provided by an institution setting and whether the nursing facility is the appropriate institution:

The screening may then indicate that the applicant needs to be referred for a face to face Level II PASRR assessment completed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP). The QMHP makes a recommendation to the NC Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH) as to:

- Whether the individual with MI, MR, or RC requires specialized service
- Does the facility setting meet the individual’s needs

If DMH concurs, they facilitate the referral for services and track the case in addition to performing the Annual Review portion of the PASRR program. For complete explanation of the PASRR Program please refer to Chapter 10.
Who Can Be a Screener

Eligible Screeners (those completing the screening form) may include:

1. Medical professionals such as:
   - Physicians,
   - Physician Assistants, Family Nurse Practitioners, and other mid-level practitioners,
   - RNs and LPNs,
   - Medical/Clinical Social Workers, Qualified Mental Health Professionals and Psychologists.

Hospital discharge planners and case managers who make referrals to long-term care services and supports.

Case managers from regional, local and community organizations that make referrals to long-term care services and supports.

Staff of Aging Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), Departments of Social Services and other providers, agencies and networks whose entity administrator determines the potential screener has the experience and training with which to complete the screenings.

Screening Guidelines

Here are a few guidelines when screening an applicant. The screener should:

1. Be prepared with specific information regarding the applicant’s history, ADLs/IADLs, home environment, behaviors, diagnoses, medical and pharmacological treatment.

2. Let the applicant know what information they will need to bring to their screening. Example: medications, insurance cards, etc.

3. Provide the applicant with the “MUST Applicant Screening Handout” to let them know which programs they are being screened for. See the sample “MUST Applicant Screening Handout” on the next page.

4. Read the MUST form carefully when entering applicant data and double-check for keying errors.

5. Thoroughly discuss and advise the applicant in making an appropriate screening selection.

6. Print the applicant a copy of the MUST Notification/Recommendation letter.

7. Ensure the applicant understands that a screening choice is not a guarantee placement to and/or eligibility for a long term care service.
8. Visit the Medicaid DMA website at www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/bulletin.htm to review monthly bulletins and to be familiar with all updates.

9. Be prepared to assist the applicant with other Medicaid services not included within this screening tool. Please refer to Medicaid bulletins and the DMA website for referral information. (e.g. CAP/MR/DD)

Appendix F: PASRR Requirements and Prerequisites

The Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process was initiated nationwide in response to the requirements of the Federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987. This act requires states participating in the Federal Medicaid program to establish special pre-admission and annual screening processes for all applicants and residents of Medicaid Certified nursing facilities with serious mental illness (MI), intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and conditions related to mental retardation (RC). Re-evaluations of residents with MI, MR/RC must also be performed whenever the person experiences a significant change in status. A significant change in status includes physical or behavioral health changes which affect previous PASRR placement and service decisions.

The PASRR process developed out of the discovery that Federal de-institutionalization requirements resulted in large numbers of trans-institutionalized mentally disabled persons moving from state hospitals to nursing facilities (NF). For many of these individuals it was discovered that, in addition to not requiring NF services, they were not receiving needed treatment for their mental illness.

PASRR is an advocacy program designed to respond to those issues, with the responsibility of insuring that individuals with mental disabilities are placed in the least restrictive living environments, maximizing their functional capacities, and that the placement meets special treatment needs the individuals may have. Its assessment process, referred to as a Level II face to face evaluation, accomplishes this task through the performance of a thorough evaluation which ultimately determines (both prior to admission and annually thereafter) a response to each of the following 3 federally mandated questions:

1. Whether the NF applicant/resident does indeed, have a disability of MI and/or MR/RC and if so:

2. Whether the NF applicant/resident requires the level of services provided by the NF and

3. Whether the person requires specialized services for his or her mental disability.

A PASRR screening completed by the MUST is required for all Nursing Facility admissions, regardless of payor source. If the patient is not a North Carolina Medicaid applicant then
you may complete a PASRR Only request. This process will also be required for admission to an Adult Care Home. An announcement of that enhancement will be made through the Medicaid Bulletin.

PASRR Authorizations

Upon completion of a Level I or level II evaluation, based upon the findings, DXC Technology or DMH will assign the applicant a PASRR number with a corresponding authorization code. The authorization code denotes the level of care the applicant will require. See table below for an explanation of authorization codes.

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Level II Processes and ECI (EarthMark Consultants, Inc.)

PASRR mandates review of every individual who applies to or resides in Medicaid-certified nursing facilities regardless of the source of payment for nursing facility services. All applicants to and residents of Medicaid-certified nursing facilities must be screened through a Level I and, possibly, Level II process.

Time-limited approvals are authorized by the USP during the Level I screening process when any of the following four circumstances are applicable:

1. Convalescent Care (30-day approval) generates a PASRR number ending in E
2. Emergency (7-day approval) generates a PASRR number ending in D
3. Delirium (7-day approval) generates a PASRR number ending in D
4. Respite (7-day approval) generates a PASRR number ending in D

For residents with no evidence or diagnosis of SMI (serious mental illness), MR (mental retardation) or RC (related conditions), a Level I assigned PASRR number would be generated. For those applicants whose screenings indicate one of the above diagnoses, a Level II screening is then initiated. This Level II screening is sent electronically via the application to ECI, (EarthMark Consultants, Inc.), the contracted Level II evaluators.

DXC Technology is responsible for oversight of all Quality Assurance activities performed by ECI for the Level II PASRR reviews. ECI has in place a quality review process as contractually and mutually agreed upon between DXC Technology and DMA.

ECI will send QMHP (qualified mental health professionals) to the applicant to do a face-to-face extended clinical assessment to determine treatment and placement needs to complete the Level II evaluation. ECI’s findings/recommendations are then sent electronically to DMH (Division of Mental Health). DMH reviews the ECI findings and makes a final determination. The results are electronically sent back to DXC Technology for PASRR assignment as indicated by DMH. The DXC Technology nurse analyst will then send the determination to the initial screener along with any electronic notifications.
Appendix G: Getting Help

Assistance is only a telephone call or a mouse click away. If you are having difficulty in registering your credentials with NCID, please contact The DXC Technology Helpdesk can accept and process e-mail requests or telephone calls Monday through Friday each week, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, except for North Carolina State Government State government holidays.

If you have a question regarding the

Questions about the Uniform Screening Program may be sent to the following e-mail address: USPquestions@dxc.com.

Also available to answer applicant questions is the toll-free CARE-LINE. The number is 1-800-662-7030. Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CARE-LINE is not available on state holidays.

Response to telephone calls is within six (6) State business hours.

In an identified emergency, additional information about the NC MUST may be found at www.ncmust.com

MUST Screening information may be communicated by facsimile or mail, as follows:

NC Medicaid Uniform Screening Program
PO Box 300015
Raleigh, NC 27622-001
Phone: 855-883-8018
Fax: 1-919-816-3145

Logging an Issue, Incident or Complaint

When using the MUST system should an issue, incident or complaint arise, please feel free to use the online MUST Issues, Incidents and Complaints form. For ease of data entry, the login name, address, phone, and email is automatically populated. Also the date and time stamp is displayed. When completing the form, choose a reason of complaint from the drop down list and be sure to enter an accurate description in the text entry box. Then click the Submit button. The DXC Technology Helpdesk will respond within 24 hours Monday-Friday.
Filing a Complaint

To submit an issue, incident or complaint, follow these steps:

1. Login to the MUST system, see Issues, Incidents, & Complaints.

   ![Issues, Incidents, & Complaints](image)

   Double click on **Submit an Issue, Incident or Complaint** and this will open up the form as shown below:

   ![Submit an Issue, Incident or Complaint Form](image)

   Select one of the Reasons of complaint from the **Reason To Submit** drop down box:

   a. **Complaint**
   b. **Incident**
   c. **Issue**

   In the text entry box, type the specific details of the issue, incident or complaint.
Click the **Submit Form** button. The system will display a confirmation message on the screen.

![Issue/Incident/Complaint Submission Confirmation](image)

Click the **Return** button to return to Main Menu page.