

## Comparing the current bases of Nursing Facility Level of Care (NF LOC) & Personal Care Assistant LOC and the proposed specific criteria

Currently, NF LOC decisions depend on professional judgment about whether a person meets one of several general bases for NF LOC determination. There has not been clear and specific criterion available to professionals to establish that basis. As a result, determinations have not been consistent across the state. This proposal provides clear and specific level of care criteria for the several bases of NF LOC by linking the determination to standard items contained within the Long-Term Care Consultation assessment and the MDS. The new criterion greatly simplifies the LOC decision. Improving consistency in LOC determinations will help assure consistent access to services and improve program integrity. The current NF LOC is the criterion used when determining whether an individual is eligible for nursing facility placement, personal care assistant services, Alternative Care and certain long-term care waivers (Elderly Waiver, Community Alternative for Disabled Individuals and Traumatic Brain Injury- Nursing Facility).

Current: Functional Needs	OR	Current: Restorative and Rehabilitative Treatment	OR	Current: Cognitive or Behavior	OR	Current: Frailty or Vulnerability
Needs ongoing or periodic assistance with hands on care, supervision or cueing from another person in safely or appropriately performing activities of daily living (ADLS); <b>OR</b>		Active restorative or rehabilitative treatment needed, <b>OR</b>		The person has <i>impaired cognition</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short term memory loss</li> <li>• Disorientation of person, place, time or location</li> <li>• Impaired decision-making ability</li> </ul> <b>OR</b>		<i>Self neglect</i> : The person has not or may not obtain goods or service necessary to ensure reasonable care, hygiene, nutrition and safety, or to avoid physical or mental harm or disease; <b>OR</b>
Needs ongoing or periodic assistance with hands on care, supervision or cueing from another person in safely or appropriately performing instrumental activities of daily living (IADLS)		Episodes of active disease processes requiring immediate clinical judgments, <b>OR</b>		<i>Frequent history of the following behavior symptoms</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wandering</li> <li>• Physical abuse of others</li> <li>• Resistive to care</li> <li>• Behavior problems requiring some supervision for safety of self or others</li> <li>• Severe communication problems</li> </ul>		<i>Neglect, abuse, or exploitation</i> : The person's caregiver(s) or other persons cannot provide reasonable care to the person, or the person has been or may be physically and/or verbally abused, or the caregiver(s) or other persons have or may mismanage the person's funds and/or possessions; <b>OR</b>
		Receives medication requiring professional dosage adjustment or pre-administrative monitoring, <b>OR</b>				The person has experienced frequent or recent hospitalization, nursing facility <i>admissions</i> , falls, or overall frailty.
<b>Proposed change to NF Level of Care</b>						
Proposed Operational Criteria: Functional Limitation	OR	Proposed Operational Criteria: Clinical Need	OR	Proposed Operational Criteria: Cognition or Behavior	OR	Proposed Operational Criteria: Frailty or Vulnerability
A high need for assistance in four or more ADLS; <b>OR</b>		A need for clinical monitoring at least once a day		Significant difficulty with memory, using information, daily decision making, or behavioral needs that require at least occasional intervention.		A qualifying NF admission of at least 90 days <b>OR</b>
A high need for assistance in one ADL that requires 24 hour staff availability (toileting, positioning, transferring, mobility)						Living alone AND risk factors are present (maltreatment, neglect, falls, or substantial sensory impairment)

**Proposed change to PCA Level of Care**

<b>Proposed Operational Criteria: Functional Limitation</b>	<b>Proposed Operational Criteria: Clinical Need</b>	<b>Proposed Operational Criteria: Cognition or Behavior</b>	<b>Proposed Operational Criteria: Frailty or Vulnerability</b>
<p>Access to PCA services will be based on the recipient need in at least two activities of daily living (ADLs) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cueing and constant supervision to begin and complete the ADL, or</li> <li>• Hands on assistance; and</li> <li>• Assistance is needed daily</li> </ul>			<p>If the functional limitation criteria is met and individual may receive additional service time for critical ADLs (eating, positioning, transferring or toileting), complex health related (e.g.: wound care, continuous tube feeding) or behavioral needs (e.g.: physical aggression, verbal aggression and resistance to care).</p>