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FSSA clarifies level of care (LOC) assessment reference date (ARD) for nursing facility admissions

The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is providing updated guidance related to the level of care (LOC) assessment reference date (ARD) for nursing facility residents.

The FSSA will allow retroactively dating the LOC ARD up to 90 days prior to the date the LOC is submitted with the following guidelines:

- The ARD cannot predate the day Medicaid benefits became active.
- The ARD cannot predate the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I assessment date.
- This applies only to LOC assessments completed for nursing facility admissions.



Providers with an LOC that was denied between Nov. 15, 2024, through Feb. 28, 2025, due to the ARD being prior to the LOC submission date should contact the Level of Care Assessment Representative (LCAR) Help Desk at INLCAR@maximus.com.

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