

2424.00.00 LEVEL OF CARE/PREADMISSION SCREENING

A Medicaid applicant/recipient who enters a nursing facility, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/~~MR~~IID), or Community Residential/Developmentally Disabled (CRF/DD) must first undergo preadmission screening to determine whether the individual requires the level of care provided by a nursing facility or is entitled to reimbursement on his behalf in an ICF/~~MR~~IID or CRF/DD. When completing Facility-Details Page, the caseworker will assume preadmission screening/level of care is approved unless there is information to the contrary. The preadmission screening field should be completed by entering "S"- screened, followed by the date that the individual entered the nursing facility. (The date that the preadmission screening was completed may be used if it is known.) The caseworker may then proceed with the eligibility determination, including authorization if the individual passes eligibility.

If preadmission screening and/or level of care is denied for the individual, the DFR will receive a Form 450B, Physician's Certification for Long Term Care Services, which indicates a denial. The worker should monitor the Forms 450B that are received by the DFR. When a denial is received, the worker should change the preadmission screening field on –Facility-Details Page. The individual's eligibility will then be redetermined by eligibility system without the post-eligibility budget.