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**AGING PROGRAM DIRECTIVE**

**SUBJECT:** OBRA Level II Assessments

**TO:** AREA AGENCIES ON AGING  
EXECUTIVE STAFF  
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**FROM:**   
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**LEGISLATIVE/  
REGULATORY  
REFERENCE:** OBRA 1987 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987) and 42 C.F.R. § 483.100-483.138

**BACKGROUND:** A nursing facility may not admit any new resident with mental illness, an intellectual disability or other related condition unless the individual is determined through a PASRR evaluation to be appropriate for nursing facility services. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) have the responsibility of completing the Preadmission Screening Evaluation (PASRR-EV) Level II tool (if needed). The whole process, from the identification to the receiving of the Letter of Determination, must be completed within an annual statewide average of 7-9 business days.

**PURPOSE:** To set forth the required time during which the AAAs must complete the assessment and the Level II tool.

**CONTENT:**

If an Area Agency on Aging receives a request to conduct an assessment subject to the OBRA process, the AAA must complete the Level of Care Determination and Level II tool within 3 business days of receipt of such request. The Level II tool must be forwarded to the Program Office by no later than the eighth day following receipt of such request, whether or not the AAA has received all the information it requested with respect to the individual being assessed.