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SUBJECT: **30-day PASRR Waiver Update --End of Public Health Emergency**

Effective December 22, 2020, as part of Tennessee's COVID-19 related 1135 Emergency Waiver pertaining to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), all new Nursing Facility admissions were allowed to apply the 30-day PASRR waiver approved by CMS. To date, this has allowed all new NF admissions to be treated like exempted hospital discharges through the PHE.

The Department of Health and Human Services is planning for the federal PHE for COVID-19 to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. **Based on this information, the 30-day PASRR suspension period will terminate on May 11, 2023.** Starting on May 12, 2023, all PASRR processes must resume with full compliance with federal PASRR processes. Although May 12, 2023 is the date required for compliance, we encourage all entities to begin re-implementing PASRR processes in order to ensure all staff is trained on PASRR requirements and processes prior to May 12, 2023.