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# Pre-Admission Screen and Residential Review (PASRR) and Specialized Services

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## What are Specialized Services (SS) and Specialized Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (SPRS)?

Any service or support recommended by an individualized Level II determination that a particular nursing facility resident requires due to mental illness or intellectual disability that supplements the scope of services that the facility must provide under reimbursement as nursing facility services.



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## spe·cial·ized

/ˈspeʃHəˌlīzd/ 

*adjective*

adjective: **specialized**; adjective: **specialised**

requiring or involving detailed and specific knowledge or training.  
"skilled treatment for these patients is very specialized"

- concentrating on a small area of a subject.  
"periodicals have become more and more specialized"
- designed for a particular purpose.  
"specialized software"

- Oxford Dictionary



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Three separate definitions and  
Three different determinations

- SS for persons with a developmental disability
- SS for persons with serious mental illness
- SPRS for persons who have a serious mental illness



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## Care Planning

- Activities are to be integrated into a “normal daily rhythm.”
- Each plan must be implemented by all staff who work with the resident except for those items that must be implemented only by licensed personnel.
- Allowance should be made for individualized free time.
- Activity schedules should allow for flexible participation in a broad range of options rather than a fixed regimen.



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## SS-SPRS Responsibility

- Facilities do not need a special license or approval from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- A facility is permitted to refuse to admit an individual whose needs cannot be met by the nursing facility, but this must be done based on a full assessment of the individual's needs and facility's capacity to meet the individual's needs.



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## Staffing Requirements

- Services above and beyond the expectation for 'services of a lesser intensity'
- Services are delivered by providers with specific qualifications
  - Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)
  - Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP)



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## Staffing Requirements

Facilities often contract with existing providers for these services

- Ideally includes providers of home and community-based services
- Maximizes integration into the community and helps to facilitate transition out of the institution



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## Reimbursement

- Determination does not change reimbursement; 'services of a lesser intensity' are provided from the facility's base rate or direct-billed.
- Facilities that are able to provide SS are reimbursed by the state for providing these services.
- SPRS is provided at a daily rate per resident.



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## Change of Status

A nursing facility should request a new screen for an individual who may no longer require SS-SPRS for two possible reasons:

- The individual's independent functioning is not significantly impaired by their mental illness or intellectual disability; they are generally independent.
- The individual's medical condition (or dementia) has declined to a point to which the individual no longer can participate in or benefit from SS-SPRS.



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## Contact Information

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