DEFINITION

Preadmission screening means a medical, psychological and social evaluation completed by the Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH) that results in a determination of whether the applicant meets Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) level of care requirements.

PURPOSE

The purpose of preadmission screening for HCBS is to assure that the individual meets the Level of Care requirements for admission to HCBS.

REQUIREMENT

All Medicaid applicants and consumers must have a preadmission screening completed by MPQH and be determined to meet the appropriate level of care requirements before HCBS will be authorized. Applicants must also receive a Level I screen to determine if there is an indication of Mental Illness or Mental Retardation that would require specialized services not available under the HCBS program.

NOTIFICATION

MPQH will notify the applicant of the results of the screening by completing the (DPHHS-SLTC-61- Screening Determination), within 10 days of the screening. MPQH will also send a copy of the (DPHHS-SLTC-61) to the Office of Public Assistance in the county where the applicant is applying for Medicaid benefits and the HCBS Case Management Team(s) that serve the county in which the applicant resides. (Refer to Appendix 599-1 for a copy of the DPHHS-SLTC-61).