## FSSA Clarifies Level of Care (LOC) Assessment Reference Dates (ARD)

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is providing updated guidance related to the Level of Care (LOC) Assessment References Dates (ARD) for nursing facility residents.

FSSA will allow retroactively dating the LOC ARD up to 90 days prior to the date the LOC is submitted.

- The ARD cannot pre-date the day Medicaid benefits became active.
- The ARD cannot pre-date the Pre-admission Resident Review (PASRR) Level I assessment date.
- This applies only to LOCs completed for nursing facility admissions.

Providers with an LOC that was denied between November 15, 2024, through February 28, 2025, due to the ARD being prior to the LOC submission date should contact the Level of Care Assessment Representative (LCAR) Help Desk at INLCAR@maximus.com.