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Attention Provider Type 19 (Nursing Facility):

Skilled Nursing Facilities Level of Care (LOC) Definition for a Ventilator Dependent Recipient

The Level of Care (LOC) definition for a ventilator dependent recipient was updated in April of 2017 to the following: A ventilator dependent recipient refers to a recipient who receives mechanical ventilation for life support at least six hours per day via an endotracheal tube or a tracheotomy. Medical records required to support a ventilator dependent LOC include a physician's order specifying the ventilator support, date the recipient was placed on the ventilator, and ventilator flow sheet(s).

Per the [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 500](#) Section 503.8, the provider is responsible for requesting and updating the LOC if a recipient's condition changes significantly. Providers should refer to the FA-19-I (Level of Care Assessment for Nursing Facilities Instructions) and complete the FA-19 (Level of Care Assessment for Nursing Facilities) form if there is a change in the recipient's condition or if the recipient no longer meets the ventilator dependent LOC.

FA-19-I and FA-19 can be found on the [Providers Forms](#) webpage at www.medicaid.nv.gov.