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.