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4.39 Preadmission Screening and Annual resident Review in
Nursing Facilities (Continued)

- (f) Except for residents identified in 42 CFR 483.118(c) (1), the State mental health or mental retardation authority makes categorical determinations that individuals with certain mental conditions or levels of severity of mental illness would normally require specialized services of such an intensity that a specialized services program could not be delivered by the State in most, if not all, NFs and that a more appropriate placement should be utilized.
- X (g) The State describes any categorical determinations it applies in ATTACHMENT 4.39-A.

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Categorical Determinations

**Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or
Mental Retardation/Related Conditions (MR/RC)**

Dementia with MR/RC: An individual who has a documented diagnosis of dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease or related disorder, based on the most current Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) criteria, in addition to a diagnosis of mental retardation and/or related condition (RC) can be categorically determined not to need specialized services.

Terminal Illness: An individual with a terminal illness, who is certified by a physician and/or hospice care staff as having a life expectancy of six months or less; and requires continuous nursing care or medical supervision/treatment due to a physical condition; and has serious mental illness, mental retardation and/or related condition but is not a danger to self or other; and may not be expected to benefit from specialized services due to the level of impairment caused by the terminal illness and/or cognitive or functional limitations, can be categorically determined not to need specialized services.

Severe Physical Illness: An individual with a serious mental illness, mental retardation and/ or related condition, and who may not be expected to benefit from specialized services due to the individual's level of impairment caused by a severe medical illness, can be categorically determined not to need specialized services.

Examples of severe medical illnesses that may cause the impairment are amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, ventilator dependency, severe congestive heart failure, end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, end-stage Parkinson's disease, cerebellar degeneration, cerebrovascular accident, end-stage renal disease, severe diabetic neuropathies and refractory anemia. Evaluation is not necessary for an individual who is comatose or in a persistent vegetative state.

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