Recertification of Need (RON) (42 CFR 441.152, 456.30, 456.160) QM 2.9/QM 3.0
A RON is a re-certification made by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that inpatient services are still needed for a person. A RON must be completed at least every 60 days for a person who is receiving services in a Level I facility. An exception to the 60-day timeframe exists for inpatient services provided to persons under the age of 21. The treatment plan (individual plan of care) and RON for persons under the age of 21 in a Level I facility must be completed and reviewed every 30 days.