Q: Had a question on the OBRA screen completion. A question that has come up recently in a facility regarding an individual resident who needed to be admitted to the facility. The individuals who do the OBRA screens identified that the resident could not move into the facility until the OBRA screen was completed. The individuals who complete the OBRA screen were not able to get the screen done and the resident had to wait to be admitted for an additional day as the individual who completes the OBRA screen was unable to complete it when requested. This resident was private pay and I wanted to check as to whether there are situations where the individual can be screened after admission if it is unable to be completed prior to (as I know there are when a person is coming in on hospice).

A: There are three exceptions that allow for a resident to have a screening completed after their admission:
- Placed from out-of-state;
- Hospital Emergency/Outpatient Services; or
- Pre-existing condition of need for a caregiver and the caregiver in no longer able to provide the care (reason for loss of care must be given)

The screening agent must mark the appropriate box at the time of the screening. This information is relayed to the State as part of the admission transaction that is entered into MEDI/REV.

http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/hfs2536.pdf is the form in hard copy. Facilities are now required to submit this information electronically.