

Developing Standardized Assessment Items

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Reviewed State LTSS Assessments

- Common Focus Areas
 - Functional status (ADL, IADL, mobility)
 - Cognitive status
 - Health status
 - Social supports
 - Financial supports
 - Caregiver needs

Function

- Most common domain in determining eligibility for community-based services
 - Activities of daily living
 - Bathing
 - Grooming
 - Dressing
 - Toileting
 - Eating
 - Mobility
 - Indoors
 - Outdoors
 - Require assistance
 - Require device

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living

- Finances/Money Management
- Medication Management
- Meal preparation
- Housekeeping
- Phone Use – make calls, receive calls
- Shopping
- Transportation

Cognitive Skills and Impairments

- Orientation
- Memory
- Judgement/Decision-making

- Communication
 - Expression
 - Understanding
- Hearing
- Vision

Behavioral Symptoms

- Harmful to self or others
- Disruptive behaviors
- Wandering

Health Status

- Incontinence
- Pressure Ulcers
- Medical Conditions
- Mental Conditions
 - Depression
 - Alzheimers
 - Mental Illness

Caregiver Support Needs

- For person –
 - Availability of caregiver
 - Relationship of caregiver
 - Frequency of caregiver needs
 - Types of assistance
- For caregiver
 - Education needs
 - Other types of assistance

Criteria for Selecting Standardized Items

- Valid concepts for applying to a population
- Reliable measures of the concept
- Consistent use across state programs
 - Eligibility determination
 - Care planning
 - Outcomes measurement
- Consistent use across person-level transitions
 - Items used to manage health, behavioral, and social support services
- Exchangeability of data
 - Start with those in existing state systems
 - Standardize those with electronic specification

Long Term Goals

- Allow system-agnostic case management?
 - Track medical, functional, social, behavioral support needs
 - Track services used
 - Track types of resources to support services
 - Identify other resources by electronically matching services and needs
 - Develop support estimates based on identified needs and available resources
 - Report to funders on cost-effectiveness of programs in absolute and relative terms (NH v community-based services for people with same function, medical, social support systems)

Next Steps
