Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument – Level of Care (MFEI-LOC)

Introduction
Welcome

Assessors are the linchpin of a successful program to serve Kansans who need long-term supports and services (LTSS). Your mastery of the MFEI-LOC assessment tool will assure that HCBS applicants receive fair and comprehensive assessments.
MFEI Background

Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument

• The Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument – Level of Care (MFEI-LOC) will be used to determine functional eligibility and care needs for long term services and supports (LTSS) to meet federal Medicaid eligibility requirements.

• Beginning August 12, 2019, the MFEI-LOC will be used for:
  – HCBS-BI (Home and Community Based Services – Brain Injury) (adult only)
  – TBI Rehabilitation Facilities (adult only)

• The MFEI-LOC will replace the FAI for BI assessments.

• The MFEI-LOC is supported by software that works online and offline.
MFEI Partnership

• KDADS
  – Community Services and Programs leadership and staff (e.g., CARE, FE, TBI, PD, PACE program managers)
  – IT/KAMIS team
• KU
  – Center for Research on Aging and Disability Options (CRADO) in the KU School of Social Welfare
  – The Research and Training Center on Independent Living in the Life Span Institute (RTC/IL) and KU Medical Center (KUMC) also partnered with us during the earlier development stages
• WSU developed the software
• Stakeholders
  – Monthly or bi-monthly MFEI Advisory Workgroup Meetings, with ADRC representatives, LTSS providers, and advocates
  – Focus groups with consumers, caregivers, and assessors
  – ADRCs have tested the instrument and software
interRAI Assessment Tools

• The MFEI is a universal suite of instruments based on the interRAI instruments
  – A universal core of common items is applicable across all populations
  – Population specific items are included via skip patterns

• State specific adaptions were applied to the base interRAI tool in collaboration with stakeholders
interRAI Assessment Tools

• There are multiple versions of the interRAI assessment being adapted for use in Kansas:
  – The full interRAI tools, with Kansas adaptations, will eventually be used by KanCare MCOs for careplanning
  – The MFEI-LOC is a portion of the interRAI Home Care (iHC), containing only items that are, or may be, relevant to functional eligibility. Used for:
    • HCBS-BI (adult only)
    • TBI Rehabilitation Facilities (adult only)
  – In the near future, the MFEI-LOC will also be used for:
    • HCBS-BI, youth
    • HCBS-FE (Frail Elderly)
    • HCBS-PD (Physical Disabilities)
    • PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly)
    • CARE (Comprehensive Assessment, Referral, and Evaluation)
  – Also working on IDD specific versions of the MFEI
interRAI Background

- Health and LTSS assessments designed by an international network of researchers and clinicians
- interRAI assessments have pre-established validity and reliability via the researchers and clinicians that developed the assessments
- The base assessments are maintained by interRAI
- interRAI tools have some overlap with the MDS assessment used in nursing facilities
- interRAI assessments are used by at least 20 other states and internationally
- interRAI assessments are designed to serve multiple purposes: 1) eligibility screening; 2) careplanning; 3) quality assurance; 4) case mix; and, 5) policy planning
- Technical assistance is available from interRAI and from other states using interRAI
MFEI-LOC Overview

• The MFEI-LOC is one assessment instrument, with skip patterns for the different programs
• Section I: Identification Information
• Section II: PASRR (CARE/NF only)
• Section III: Functional Assessment
  – Cognition; Communication and Vision
  – Mood and Behavior; Psychosocial Wellbeing
  – Functional Status (IADLs, ADLs, Mobility)
  – Continence; Health Conditions
  – Environmental Assessment
  – Social Supports (PD/FE/CARE only)
• Section IV: Services Recommended (CARE only)
Training Agenda

• Today’s Pre-Webinar:
  – Policy training (KDADS)
  – Software training (WSU)
  – How to administer the MFEI (KU):
    • Module 1 (How to Use the MFEI-LOC)
    • Module 2 (Identification Information)

• In-person training will include remaining modules on how to administer the MFEI, software practice, role playing
In-Person Training Sessions

• Any assessor may sign up for any session state-wide:
  – Wichita: Friday, July 12
  – Salina: Monday, July 15
  – Topeka: Tuesday, July 23
  – Western KS (Ness City): Tuesday, July 30
  – Kansas City: Thursday, August 1
## In-Person Training Schedule

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<td>By 9:00 am</td>
<td>Arrive and sign-in</td>
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<td>9:00-9:15</td>
<td>Welcome/Intro</td>
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<td>9:15-10:35</td>
<td>Mod 4: Cognition, Communication and Vision</td>
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<td>10:35-10:50</td>
<td><strong>break</strong></td>
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<td>10:50-12:30</td>
<td>Mod 5: Mood and Behavior, Psychosocial Well-being</td>
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<td>Mod 9: Health Conditions</td>
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<td>12:30-1:30</td>
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<td>1:30-3:30</td>
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<td>Mod 7: ADLs</td>
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<td>• Role play</td>
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After Training

• Watch BI video (18 mins) and complete partial test assessment for practice

• Complete competency exam on KS-TRAIN after in-person training (must complete by 8/5)
  – Must score 80% to pass, may re-take once if needed
  – Open book: consult manual and training materials
  – Must complete on own – do not consult others

• Download software package
  – After KDADS receives verification that assessor attended pre-webinar, in-person training, and passed competency exam

• Go-live with MFEI-LOC for BI on August 12!
  – KU, KDADS, and WSU will be available for technical assistance