

# 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

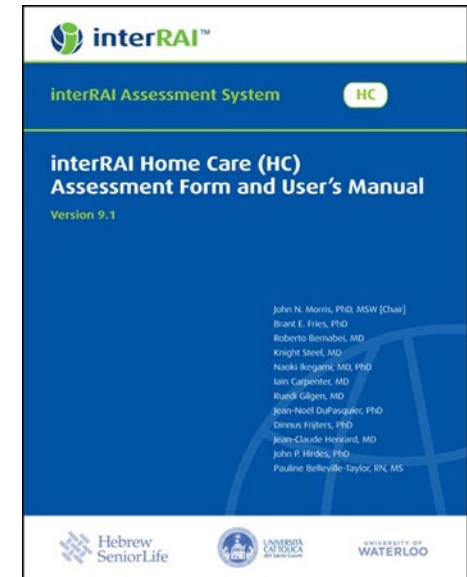
- The MFEI is a universal suite of instruments based on the interRAI instruments
  - A universal core of common items is applicable across all populations
  - Population specific items are included via skip patterns
- State specific adaptations were applied to the base interRAI tool in collaboration 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

By 9:00 am	Arrive and sign-in
9:00-9:15	Welcome/Intro
9:15-10:35	Mod 4: Cognition, Communication and Vision
10:35-10:50	<i>break</i>
10:50-12:30	Mod 5: Mood and Behavior, Psychosocial Well-being Mod 8: Continence Mod 9: Health Conditions
12:30-1:30	<i>lunch (on own)</i>
1:30-3:30	Mod 6: IADLs <i>short break</i> Mod 7: ADLs
3:30-3:45	<i>break</i>
3:45-4:00	Mod 10: Environmental Assessment
4:00-5:30	Breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role play</li><li>• Software practice</li></ul>

# 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