

Ohio DODD Waiver Modernization

Acuity Rates and Assessments Provider Discussion

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Agenda

Discussion topics and meeting goals

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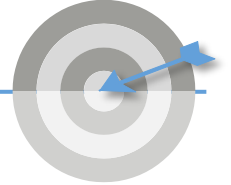
Discussion Topics



Acuity Based Rate and HPC Deep Dive (20 min)

National Scan of Assessments Overview and Results
(20 min)

Next Steps (10 min)

Meeting Goals



-  **Acuity Rates and HPC Deep Dive:** Share information on what acuity-based rates are and what elements comprise Homemaker Personal Care service.
-  **National Scan of Assessments Overview and Results:** Share information on the national scan performed on standardized assessments.

Acuity-Based Rate & HPC Deep Dive



What are Acuity-Based Rates?

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A high-level overview of why states are using tiered acuity-based rates, and the services for which they are most used.

Acuity-Based Rates



Definition

Rates **vary based on the complexity of a waiver participant's predicted service needs.**

Services that most commonly include acuity-based rate variations in 1915(c) waiver applications are:



Day Habilitation



Supported Employment



Residential Habilitation



Residential Supported Living

Why Use Tiered Rates?



Tiers are intended to **improve the relationship between the intensity of care services delivered and the amount paid to providers,** while **simplifying provider billing.**

This can result in:

- **More Accurate Cost Allocation:** allow adjustments for services to be reflective of actual costs
- **Encouraging Efficient Resource Allocation:** encourage providers to optimize their resource use by paying for a level of care
- **Improved Care Quality:** compensating on need allows for enhanced focus on quality

How Can Acuity Based Rates Be Used in Ohio?

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Overview of how acuity-based rates will be used in Ohio in the context of the Homemaker Personal Care (HPC) service.

DEFINITION

Homemaker / Personal Care (HPC) provides coordinated provision of a variety of services, supports, and supervision **necessary to ensure the health and welfare of an individual who lives in the community**. These services advance the individual's independence and help them meet daily living needs. Examples include **self-advocacy, self-direction, daily living skills**, implementation of recommended **therapeutic interventions, behavioral supports, medical and health care services, emergency response training, and community access services**.



Current State

DAILY BILLING UNIT (DBU)

HPC is billed as a daily billing unit for individuals living in congregate settings for agency providers. Reconciliations occur at the end of the month, and, for actuals outside of 3% of projection, a re-calculation of the DBU occurs.

MONTHLY RATE CALCULATOR (MRC)

The DBU is calculated through the MRC by the adding of 15-minute units with associated staffing ratios over the course of a month and averaged for the number of days. This staffing plan is actively managed so the DBU can be calculated.

LEVEL BILLING FOR DAYS IN MONTH

Providers bill daily unit for the number of days in the month from which the DBU was calculated.



Future State

ACUITY-BASED RATES

HPC will be billed with a daily reimbursement rate (acuity rate) for individuals living in congregate settings for agency providers. No reconciliation processes occur, and the rate is billed for an individual regardless of roommate status.

DETERMINED BY ASSESSMENT

The HPC acuity rate is tied to an individual's acuity as determined by a standardized assessment.

BILL FOR DAYS SERVED

Providers bill daily unit for the number of days served.

Ohio DODD Homemaker Personal Care (HPC)

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What is included within Ohio’s HPC model and how does that differ from other states? Ohio’s HPC services were compared to similar services in other states in both the group and individual setting.

	Self- Advocacy and Self- Direction Training	Daily Living Skills	Money Management	Counseling/ Therapeutic / Behavior Supports	Medical/ Health Care Services	Emergency Assistance	Community Access	Mobility Training	Transportation	Other
Ohio <i>Homemaker Personal Care (Group & Individual)</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Missouri <i>Personal Assistant (Group & Individual)</i>		●			●		●			
Georgia <i>Community Living Support (Group)</i>		●	●	●	●		●		●	
Pennsylvania <i>In-Home and Community Support (Group)</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Maryland <i>Personal Supports (Individual)</i>		●	●				●	●		●
Kentucky <i>Personal Assistance (Individual)</i>		●	●		●		●		●	

Disclaimer: this chart includes states that were reviewed as a part of DODD specific research.
This is not an all-inclusive list of HPC-like services used across the U.S.

Standardized Assessment National Scan



Standardized Assessment Desired Elements

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Core elements considered when deciding on a standardized assessment tool.

Core Elements Considered

- Comprehensive Content
- Contemporary Leading Practices
- Valid and Reliable Outputs

Comprehensive Content

The assessment should cover domains such as:



Activities of Daily
Living (ADLs)



Instrumental
Activities of Daily
Living (IADLs)



Cognition/
Memory



Medical
Conditions/
Diagnoses



Challenging
Behavior

Contemporary Leading Practices



Logically Sequenced

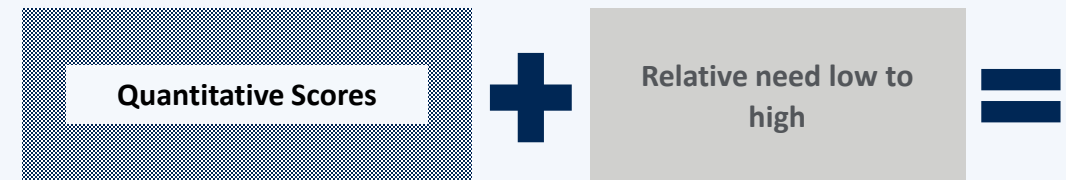


Supports-Focused



Person-Centered Format

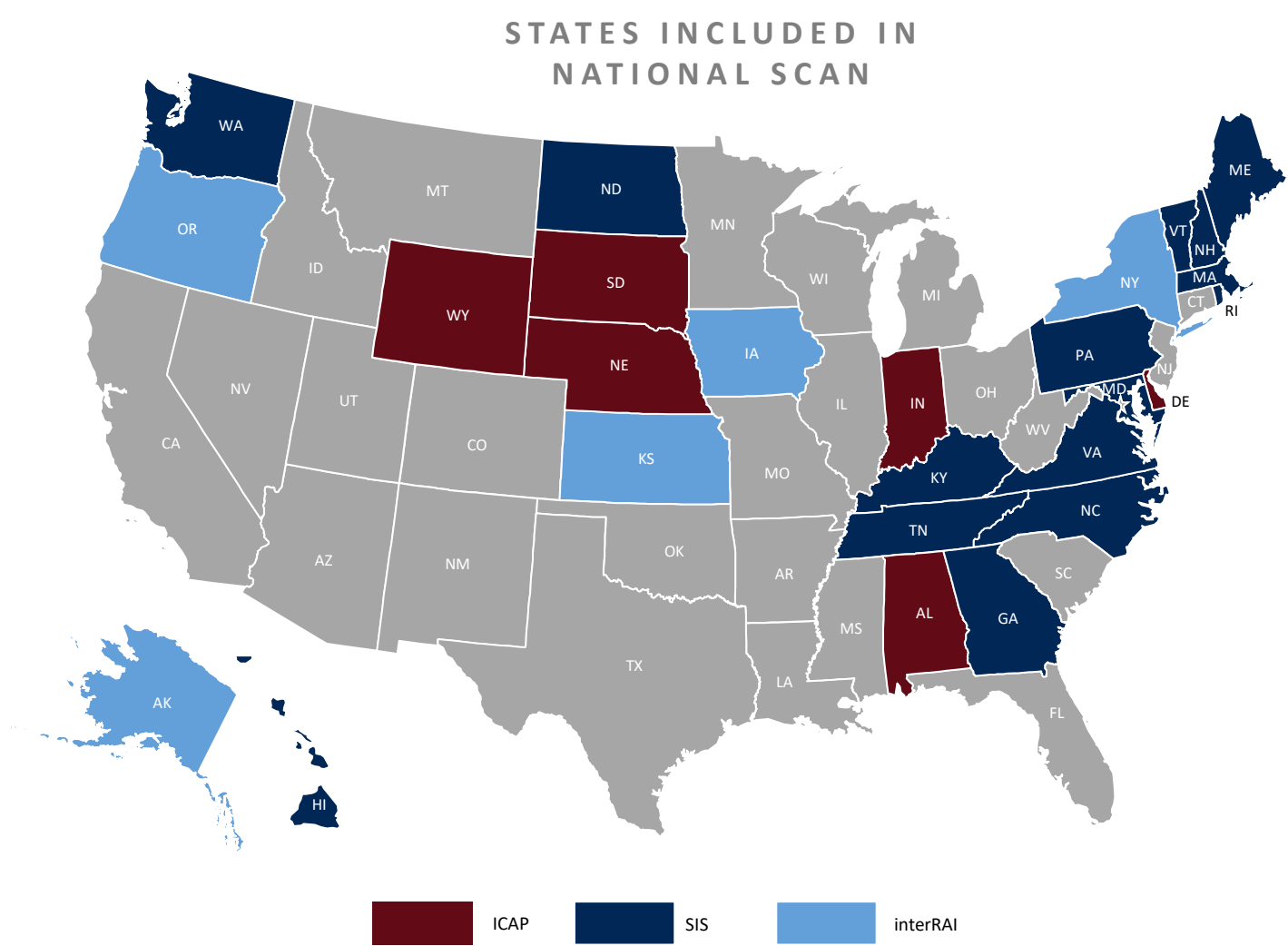
Valid and Reliable Outputs



...results to inform decision making

Standardized Assessment National Scan Overview

An overview of the national scan process including selected states for review, research topics, and resources leveraged.



RESEARCH TOPICS

1. Assessment Approach
2. Assessment Content
3. Training
4. Customization
5. Technology
6. State Use Cases
7. Cost

RESOURCES LEVERAGED



Waiver Applications



Training Resources



Research Articles



Meeting Notes/
Materials



State Fact Sheets


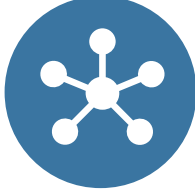



Vendor Contracts

Standardized Assessment Overview




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SIS, interRAI, and ICAP assessment overviews and high-level information.

Assessment	 Supports Intensity Scale 2.0 (2023)	 interRAI-ID (2013)	 Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) (1986)
Developer/ Owner	American Association on Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)	InterRAI Research Fellows	Bruininks, Hill, Weatherman, Woodcock / UMN
Description	An intensive face-to-face assessment designed to measure the level of practical supports required by people with IDD to lead normal, independent, and quality lives in society.	The InterRAI suite is a collection of interrelated assessments that cover a wide range of settings and populations. InterRAI-ID is a standardized, comprehensive assessment instrument that evaluates the strengths, preferences, and needs of individuals with IDD.	A comprehensive, structured instrument designed to measure adaptive and maladaptive behavior for children and adults and assess the status, adaptive functioning, and service needs of clients.
Applicable Age Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIS-A = designed for 16-72 years • SIS-C = designed for 5-15 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • InterRAI-ID = 18+ years • ChYMH-DD = 3-18 years • Early Years (EY) = 0-3 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infancy to adulthood
Time to Complete Assessment	2.5 – 3 hours	1.5 - 2 hours	20 - 30 minutes

Standardized Assessment Comparison

Comparison of SIS, InterRAI, and ICAP assessments on how well they accomplish DODD’s assessment goals.

Goals			
	SIS	InterRAI-ID	ICAP
	State Goals Measured:	8/9	4/9
	1. Evidence Based, Valid, and Reliable Quantitative Scores	✓	✓
	2. Strengths Based	✓	
	3. Standalone Tool	✓ *	✓
	4. Used for Acuity Based Rates	✓	✓
	5. Content covers ADLs/IADLs/Cognition/ Exceptional Medical & Behavioral Support Needs	✓	
	6. Person-Centered Approach	✓	
	7. Algorithm Transparency	✓	✓
	8. Standardized Assessor Training	✓	
	9. Readily Available Data Platform	✓	

*The interRAI-ID tool is available as a standalone assessment, however, is most frequently incorporated as a part of interRAI suite of tools

InterRAI vs SIS State Use

States use the interRAI and SIS tools to either directly or indirectly inform activities such as service planning, individual budgets, or acuity-based rates. A comparison of state use cases can be found below.

		SERVICE PLANNING	ACUITY RATES	INDIVIDUAL BUDGET	OTHER		
Supports Intensity Scale	Georgia*					OTHER DETAILS	
	Hawaii						
	Kentucky						
	Maine						G A – Staffing Levels
	Maryland						
	Massachusetts						K Y – Level of Care
	New Hampshire						
	North Carolina*						
	North Dakota						N D – Staffing Hours per Day
	Pennsylvania*						
	Rhode Island						N Y – Service Ranges
	Tennessee						
	Vermont						O R – Monthly Hours
	Virginia						
	Washington*						
Totals		13	9	4	3		K S – Level of Care
InterRAI	New York						
	Oregon						
	Kansas*						I A – Level of Care
	Iowa						
	Totals	2	3	0	4		

*In these states, the state assessment is used in collaboration with other tools/factors for determining acuity-based rates

Next Steps



Next Steps

Discuss DODD next steps and future conversations

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DODD is discussing standardized assessments with other states to determine which assessment should be used to replace the DDP.



DODD is working through contracting logistics with both AAIDD and interRAI.



DODD will discuss implementation plan for assessments and acuity rates with stakeholders in the coming weeks.



Next Meeting: TBD