



Clarifications: Bulletin 00-25-02, Individual Eligibility for the Consolidated, P/FDS, Community Living and Adult Autism Waivers

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AUDIENCE:

Administrative Entity Administrators or Directors, County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program Administrators or Directors, Supports Coordination Organization Directors, County Assistance Office Executive Directors, Individuals and Families, Other interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To announce that the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is providing clarification about the completion of the MA 51 or medical evaluation discussed in bulletin 00-25-02, *Individual Eligibility for the Consolidated, P/FDS, Community Living and Adult Autism Waivers*, and to revise the attachment to the Bulletin.

DISCUSSION:

ODP released bulletin 00-25-02, Individual Eligibility for the Consolidated, P/FDS, Community Living and Adult Autism Waivers on 6/25/25. After the release of the bulletin, ODP received questions about the completion of the MA 51 or medical evaluation and the use of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, 5th Edition (WAIS-5).

Clarification for Completion of the MA 51 or Medical Evaluation for Consolidated, Community Living and Person Family Directed Waivers

The bulletin indicates in Section 2 that there is a requirement to have the MA 51 or medical evaluation completed within 3 years of the date of the last MA 51 or medical evaluation for all individuals. This is required for the annual Level of Care Re-Evaluation Process. The process for re-evaluating an individual's continued eligibility for the AAW is completed by the Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations and therefore is not addressed in this bulletin

The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that individuals are accessing healthcare at least once every three years. In practice, this will primarily affect those who are not receiving residential services, since residential licensing regulations already require annual physicals.

To allow time for implementation, Administrative Entities (AEs) and Qualified Developmental Disability Professionals (QDDPs) will have a grace period of one year from the date of this communication.

The QDDP is responsible for tracking and ensuring this requirement is met as part of their Annual Level of Care Re-Evaluation duties. The QDDP should obtain a MA 51 or medical evaluation for each individual in order to complete the level of care re-evaluation process. The date on the completed MA 51 or medical evaluation must be within 3 years prior to completing the DP 251, *Annual Recertification of Need For ICF/ID or ICF/ORC Level of Care*, for each individual.

If the individual is supported by a licensed provider, and licensing regulations require a more frequent physical exam, the provider must follow the more stringent licensing requirement.

Acceptable Documentation:

- A completed MA 51, OR
- Medical evaluation with intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability (ICF/ID) or an intermediate care facility for individuals with other related conditions (ICF/ORC), OR
- A medical summary from a visit with a medical provider within the past three years (for these individuals, an additional ICF Level of Care evaluation is not required), OR
- A physical completed for individuals receiving licensed services (for these individuals, an additional ICF Level of Care evaluation is not required).

If a medical summary is completed, a medical provider may be a physician or a health care professional (such as a dermatologist, internist, pediatrician, a licensed physician assistant, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP), urologist or neurologist) who has earned a medical degree, is clinically experienced, and is licensed to practice medicine.

If the individual has a Supports Intensity Scale – Adult Version® (SIS-A) that indicates 3 areas of substantial limitations, then any evidence documented in this assessment of the individual seeing a physician will meet the requirement of having a medical evaluation every 3 years. If the individual does not have a SIS-A or the SIS-A does not indicate 3 areas of substantial limitations, an MA 51 or medical evaluation that documents criteria to meet the level of care eligibility requirements must be obtained.

Revised Attachment to the Bulletin to Include WAIS-5

ODP revised the Attachment to the bulletin to reflect that the testing results of the WAIS-5, as well as testing results from prior editions are acceptable. When an assessment of intelligence has not been completed or is not available for an individual,

the qualified professional should use the most current assessment that is available. This revised attachment will be available on MyODP with the [communication](#) that announced the release of the bulletin and on the [DHS website](#).

CONTACT:

Questions about this communication should be directed to the appropriate Office of Developmental Programs Regional Office.

ATTACHMENT:

Common Intelligence Measures and Interpretive Guidelines for Standardized Assessments 9-25-25 (updated 12/10/2025)