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FACT SHEET

About interRAI Suite of Assessment Tools - Overview
For Individuals Receiving or Seeking Family Supports Waiver or Community
Integration and Habilitation Waiver

Beginning January 1, 2026, Indiana's Family and Social Service Administration, Bureau of Disabilities Services (BDS) is transitioning to a new set of assessment tools to identify when a person qualifies for BDS services under the Intermediate Care Facility/Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID) Level of Care (LOC) criteria. The interRAI (pronounced inter eye) suite of tools will enhance BDS ability to identify needs according to developmental and social milestones.

In Indiana, interRAI assessments provide an evidence-informed view of each person's characteristics, needs, and service outcomes across multiple health and social service settings. The interRAI is designed to support an integrated health system tailored to each population being served.

BDS will be transitioning to the following assessment tools from interRAI:

- interRAI Early Years (EY), ages 0-3; and
- interRAI Child and Youth Mental Health and Developmental Disability (ChYMH-DD), ages 4-17; and
- interRAI Intellectual Disabilities (ID), ages 18+.

The appropriate age-specific interRAI assessment will be used to discover milestones, daily functioning, needs, goals and strengths while promoting the individual's quality of life. interRAI assessments will also aid in ICF/LOC determinations required for supports offered through the Family Support Waiver (FSW) and the Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH). BDS is dedicated to enhancing the quality and efficiency of evaluating functional eligibility necessary to access services and supports

What Medicaid Waivers are impacted with the interRAI implementation?



Family Support Waiver and Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver.

What are the interRAI Suites?

Every instrument in the interRAI suite of assessments has been developed for a particular population, yet the instruments are designed to work together to form an integrated health information system. The interRAI maintains the highest level of quality for the measures used in the instruments. The result is more accurate, consistent and quality service planning within the individual's choice of community-based setting.

What is the Role of the BDS District Office and Case Management Organization?

BDS District Offices and Case Management Organizations will continue to conduct the level of care assessments for individuals seeking ICF LOC Medicaid Waivers, specifically Family Supports Waiver (FSW) and Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver (CIH).

How is this assessment different from the current process?

The interRAI suite of tools are replacing the Level of Care Screening Instrument (LOCSI). The eligibility requirement for FSW and CIH Medicaid Waiver will remain the same. The only difference is the assessment tool discovering the ICF LOC criteria & identifying age-appropriate needs based on the individuals' development and social milestones.

I am currently receiving services and support from the Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver or Family Supports Waiver. Will I be assessed in January of 2026 when the new interRAI tools are used?

Ninety (90) days prior to your current ICF LOC ending, you will be contacted to complete the annual review. At this time, you will be assessed with the new interRAI tool that is aligned to your age.

I am on the FS waiting list how will these new interRAI tools impact me?

Continue to access the <https://ddrsprovider.fssa.in.gov/ConsumerInfo> or contact the local BDS district office about your waiting list placement. You will not be assessed with an appropriate age for the interRAI tool until you are invited from the waiting list.

I am seeking services and support from the Community Integration and Habilitation or the Family Supports Medicaid Waiver. Who do I contact?

- Contact your local District Office, <https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddars/bds/bureau-of-developmental-disabilities-services/>
- An online application is available on the [BDS Gateway](#).

How will I know the eligibility determinations for the FS or CIH Waiver?

You will continue to receive eligibility determinations with appeal rights whether they are approved or denied.

Who do I contact with questions about my eligibility?

If an individual receives the FS or CIH waiver, please contact your Case Manager.

OR

If you are seeking FS or CIH waiver for the first time, please contact the District Office in your county of residence.

Information may be found on the DDARS-BDS website at this link:

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddars/bds/>