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**HCBS Providers' information about interRAI Suites Assessment System
For Family Supports Medicaid Waiver (FSW) -and- Community Integration and
Habilitation Medicaid Waiver (CIH)**

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?

BDS District Offices and Case Management Organizations will continue to assess individuals seeking services on the FS & CIH Medicaid 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?

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

What is the Role of the Case Management Organization?

Case Management Organizations will continue to complete the Annual the level of care assessments for individuals active on ICF LOC Medicaid Waivers, specifically Family Supports Waiver (FSW) and Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver (CIH).

How is this assessment different from our 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 determining the ICF LOC criteria & identifying age-appropriate needs based on the individuals' development and social milestones.

What is my Role regarding the interRAI implementation?

As a Medicaid waiver provider, you will continue to provide services as approved on the individual's PCISP. There are no changes in the requirements or expectations of service providers for eligibility assessments or determinations.

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

Providers should continue to provide services as approved within the individual's NOA and coordinate with the case manager.

How can I help an individual receiving the FS or CIH Waiver who has questions about their eligibility?

If an individual currently receives the FS or CIH waiver, please refer them back to their Case Manager.

OR

If an Individual is not currently receiving FS or CIH waiver, please refer them to the District Office in their county of residence.

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

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddars/bds/bureau-of-developmental-disabilities-services/>

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