



SCREENING CONNECTIONS

FOR LTSS SCREENERS

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Presented by the Division for Aging and Disability Services

Today's Conversation

- Hot Topic Issues
- Questions and Answers

Q: Will this PowerPoint be available after this call?

- Yes

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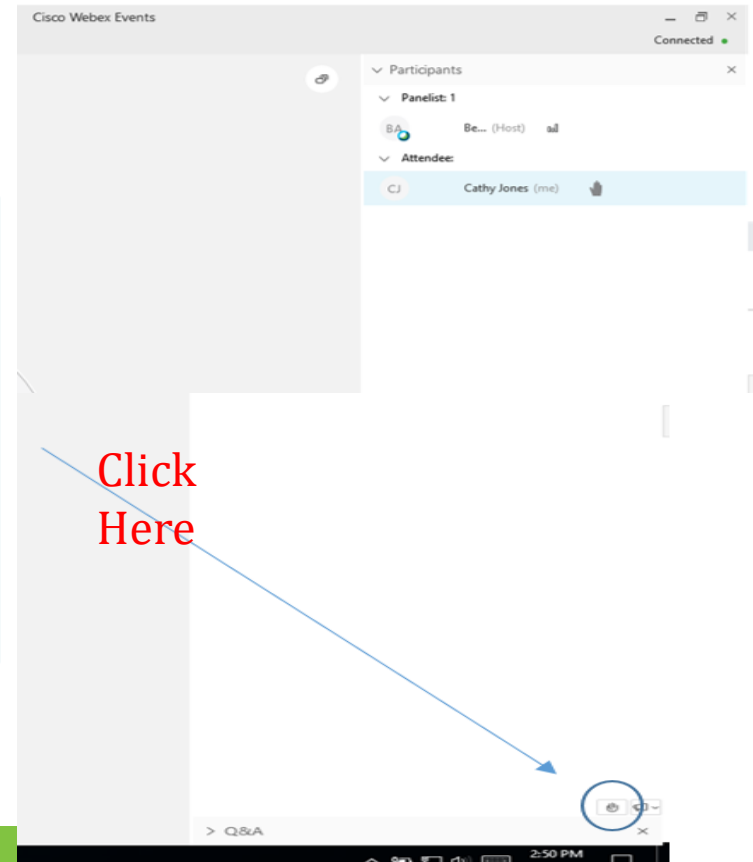
- Choose the tab for Screening for LTSS



TO ASK A QUESTION YOU MUST ELECTRONICALLY RAISE YOUR HAND



Do you have a question? you can "Raise your Hand" in the Participants panel to signal a question during the question and answer session and we will open your microphone.



This Month's Hot Topic Issues

System Upgrades are Coming Soon to DMAS

How does COVID-19 Affect LTSS Screenings

Review of LTSS Screening as an Initial Screening

Meeting the NF Level of Care (LOC) Criteria

HB and SB 902 – What's that?!

Computer System Upgrades

- (VA)MMIS to be replaced by MES – Medicaid Enterprise System
- ePAS to be replaced by new electronic screening portal (ESP)
- Anticipate opportunities to be trained in the new portal late spring

How Does COVID-19 Affect LTSS Screenings?

- Listen carefully to CDC and public health recommendations
- Hospitals continue as protocol
- Community follow per VDH
- The requirement for LTSS Screenings remains

Contact:

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if an unusual situation occurs in your facility/agency/locality

LTSS Screenings

- It is THE Initial Screening to determine Level of Care Needs but also includes other items for various programs
- LTSS screeners should share information with providers (CCC Plus care coordinators, NFs, SF, AD)

Meeting Level of Care Requirements for Medicaid LTSS

- ONGOING Medical/Nursing Need
- Someone is at risk of being institutionalized (hospitalization or nursing facility) within the next 30 days
- Meets Functional Need Criteria (there are 3 ways to meet)

Using the Worksheets is Helpful

WORKSHEET TO DETERMINE NEED FOR MEDICAID-FUNDED LTSS

The following worksheet is a helpful tool in determining if an individual, adult or child, meets NF LOC criteria.

Individual being assessed:

Date:

STEP 1: Based on a completed Virginia Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI) - check how the individual scores in the following categories. (Definitions in the User's Manual: *Virginia UAI, revised 12/15 found at https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/alf/intro_page/current_providers/manuals/uai_users_manual.pdf*)

ADLs	Check if Semi-Dependent (d)	Check if Dependent (D)
Bathing		
Dressing		
Toileting		
Transferring		
Eating/Feeding		
Bowel		
Bladder		

STEP 2: Number of "Other" Dependencies

Apply the above responses to the variables below.

Medication Administration: Check if Dependent (D)
Behavior Pattern & Orientation: Check if Semi-dependent (d) or Dependent (D)
Mobility: Check if Semi-dependent (d) or Dependent (D)
Joint Motion: Check if Semi-dependent (d) or Dependent (D)

STEP 3: Apply the responses in Step 2 to the criteria below.

To be considered to meet the functional capacity requirements for NF level of care an individual must meet the minimum requirements of one of the following three categories.

CATEGORY 1: Individuals must meet items #1 and #2 in category 1; plus either item #3 or #4.

- 1) Rated dependent in 2 to 4 ADLs: **YES; PLUS**
(If individuals are rated dependent in MORE THAN 4 ADLs it counts as a yes)
- 2) Rated semi-dependent or dependent in behavior pattern and orientation: **YES; PLUS**
- 3) Rated semi-dependent or dependent in joint motion: **YES; OR**
- 4) Rated dependent in medication administration: **YES.**

CATEGORY 2: Individuals must meet all items in this category.

- 1) Rated dependent in 5 to 7 ADLs: **YES; PLUS**

2) Rated dependent in mobility:

YES.

CATEGORY 3: Individuals must meet all items in this category.

- 1) Rated semi-dependent or dependent in 2-7 ADLs: **YES; PLUS**
(If individuals are rated as **DEPENDENT** and/or **SEMI-DEPENDENT** (combination) in 2-7 ADLs it counts as a yes)
- 2) Rated dependent in mobility: **YES, PLUS**
- 3) Rated dependent in behavior and orientation: **YES.**

STEP 4: Individuals MUST have a medical or nursing need to meet criteria for long-term services and supports.

This means:

- 1) the individual's medical condition requires observation and assessment to assure evaluation of needs due to an inability for self-observation or evaluation; OR
- 2) the individual has complex medical conditions that may be unstable or have the potential for instability; OR
- 3) the individual requires at least one ongoing medical or nursing service. (See the Screening for LTSS manual section for examples and additional explanation.)

Does individual does have medical nursing needs?

If **YES** (*briefly describe*):

STEP 5: Determination of whether the individual meets criteria for long-term services and supports.

1. Individual meets at least one of the three categories in Step 3: **YES;**
2. Individual has medical or nursing needs as defined in Step 4: **YES.**
3. Individual is seeking waiver services and meets the definition of "at risk" for institutionalization within 30 days: **YES**

This individual meets NF LOC criteria (i.e., 1, 2, and 3. above are answered "YES"):
 YES NO

Assessor:

Date:

Rating Short-hand

The ADLs for the individual are rated as follows (I, d or D):

- Bathing
 - Transferring
 - Dressing
 - Eating/Feeding-
 - Toileting
 - Bladder incontinent
 - Bowel incontinent
- = X# Dependencies, X# Semi-dependencies, X# Independencies
-
- Mobility
 - Medication Administration
 - Joint Motion
 -
 - Behavior Rated together according to the chart
 - Orientation

HB and SB 902

Changes the Code of Virginia, 32.1-330, 32.1-330.1 and 32.1-330.3

- Beginning in July 2020:
 - Nursing Facilities will be able to Screen those individuals who are residents for Skilled NF services who have a change in level of care and are being considered for Long Term Services and Supports (custodial care)
 - Alternate screening instruments are also being assessed for use beginning July 1, 2021
- The LTSS Screening Regulations 12VAC30-60-301-12VAC30-60-315 will be revised
- The Medicaid LTSS Screening Manual, Chapter IV will be Revised
- The Medicaid LTSS Screening Training will be Revised

REVIEW AND REMINDERS

Use of DMAS-P98

- Screeners **MUST** download the form each time. There are periodic system upgrades and ScreeningAssistance does not know when these upgrades occur.

REVIEW AND REMINDERS

Q: What is the role of the physician and what training do they need to take?

- Physicians are the FINAL Authorizing Signature on a Medicaid LTSS Screening
 - Review the information and confirm agreement with information and authorization
- Can anyone else sign for a physician?
 - A Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant working with the physician. All signatory authorities must be certified in the LTSS Screening.

Coming Next Month

- Screening to Determine Level of Care for Virginia Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports
- and
- Screening for Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability and Related Conditions – the PASRR Process

What's the difference?

Who to Contact Regarding Medicaid LTSS Screening Issues?

ScreeningAssistance@dmas.Virginia.gov

Glossary

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- Community-Based Team (CBT)
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDS)
- Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)
- Fee For Service (FFS)
- Level of Care (LOC)
- Local Department of Social Services (LDSS)
- Local Health Department (LDH)
- Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Nursing Facility: NF
- PreAdmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)
- Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI)
- Virginia Administrative Code: (VAC)