

The BHD new funding method now collects assessment information from these two standardized tools:

1. Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP)

AND

2. Three sections of Supports Intensity Scale (SIS): protection and advocacy, medical, and behavioral sections



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Waiver Assessment Information

**New Comprehensive
and Supports Waivers**

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**New waivers begin
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New Funding Method

A main focus of the redesign is the development and implementation of a new Individual Budget Amount (IBA) methodology that emphasizes an equitable distribution of funding based on the assessed needs of each waiver participant. The basis of the IBA is determined using assessment information collected from the Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) and a new supplemental assessment using the medical, behavioral, and protection and advocacy sections of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS).

What are the benefits of the SIS?

The SIS focuses on the amount of support and assistance that a person needs to accomplish every day community living activities. It is a nationally recognized valid and reliable assessment tool developed by a respected independent organization, the American Association on Intellectual Disabilities (AAIDD). It leads to better person-centered planning to determine the goals and aspirations of the Participant not his/her limitations.



The Behavioral Health Division has met with stakeholders, participants, family members, and experts in the ID/DD field to choose a new supplemental assessment tool that complements the ICAP. In reviewing input received during the waiver redesign forums, we understand the importance of capturing the unique needs in each individual as funding decisions are made.

Why is the new assessment being done? In order to determine budgets for the new waivers, all waiver participants will be assessed using the sections of the SIS.



Who will do the assessment? WIND, our current ICAP contractor, will complete these assessments. The interviewers with WIND will use contacts provided by the case manager to conduct a phone interview and gather information for the assessment. BHD will work with case managers to gather contact information on all participants.

Who should be interviewed? The Division is asking case manager to provide the name and phone number of the person who knows the participant the best and work with him or her to be the respondent in the interview. The participant or guardian should give input on who gets interviewed.

What can you tell me about the interview and questions asked? The interviewer will ask questions about supports needed at home, in the community, with friends and at school or work, focusing on protection and advocacy skills and essential medical and behavioral supports. The interviewer will want to know the type of support needed (monitor, prompt or physical assist), how often support is needed (weekly, daily, hourly), and how much support is needed (total time per day).

When will I be contacted? Starting in September 2013 and through April 2014, interviewers with WIND will contact the person listed by the case manager as a respondent for the interview.

Revised - Do I have to participate in the SIS assessment? No, but it will help give the Division more information to determine a person's budget than just using the ICAP alone. The sections we chose from the SIS target areas that are not captured well in the ICAP. We highly encourage people to agree to the supplemental assessment.

Who do I contact with questions? Give WIND time to contact you and if you haven't heard from them by December, they can be reached at 307-766-2761 or contact a BHD representative at BHD at 307-777-6494.