

COVID-19 Guidance

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM

Level of Care Assessments

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to encourage social distancing and stop the spread of the pandemic, KDADS asks providers and participants to limit participation in congregate settings or activities. As such, KDADS will allow Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) the following flexibility with level of care (LOC) assessments.

1. The requirement to conduct the following assessments face to face has been waived.
 - a. Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
 - b. Physical Disability waiver
 - c. Frail Elderly waiver
 - d. Brain Injury waiver
 - e. Nursing Facility (CARE Level 1 – LOC)
 - f. Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI)
 - g. Abbreviated Uniform Assessment Instrument (AUAI)
 - h. Functional Assessment Instrument (FAI),
 - i. Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument (MFEI),
 - j. Uniform Program Registration (UPR)
 - k. Caregiver Assessment Plan (CAP)

2. Assessments may be completed using telecommunications (phone), televideo consultations/telemedicine or telehealth services methods that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
 - b. Such a process must provide interactive audio or video communications, permitting real-time contact between a distant provider, who is present and participating in the visit, and the individual receiving an appointment.

3. The criteria to secure customer signatures or customer's representative signatures for the assessments will be waived, and verbal consents for all the assessments will be accepted.

The exception granted through this guidance is effective through May 1, 2020, at which time the guidance will be revisited, as deemed necessary.

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