



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community-Based Alternatives Home and Community Support Services Agencies
Medically Dependent Children Program Home and Community Support Services Agencies
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

Subject: Information Letter No. 12-18 (Revised: New Effective Date of May 1, 2012)
Medical Necessity and Level of Care 3.0 Assessment New Version

Effective May 1, 2012, the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is releasing a new version of the Medical Necessity and Level of Care 3.0 (MN/LOC 3.0) assessment. The MN/LOC 3.0 assessment is being revised to align with the latest Minimum Data Set (MDS) release from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The MN/LOC 3.0 assessment is based upon data items from the specifications that are relevant to the waiver setting. This revision includes those assessment items involved in the determination of Medical Necessity and Resource Utilization Group (RUG) calculation. The revised assessments are scheduled to be available on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal on May 1, 2012.

An MN/LOC 3.0 assessment submitted prior to May 1, 2012, will continue to have the items that were present when the assessment was submitted in the LTC Online Portal. An MN/LOC 3.0 assessment submitted on or after May 1, 2012, will have the changes identified in the table below.

Fields	Name	New Field	Deleted Field	Instructions and/or Label Updated	New Option	Option Text Updated
B1000	Vision					X
E0100	Psychosis			X		
E0800	Rejection of Care			X		
G0110*1	Activities of Daily Living					X
G0110*2	Activities of Daily Living					X
G0120A	Bathing					X
I4800	Dementia			X		
J0100A	Pain Management			X		
J0100B	Pain Management			X		
K0310	Weight Gain	X				
K0500A-Z	Nutritional Approaches (This item is replaced by K0510A-Z)		X			
K0510A-Z	Nutritional Approaches	X				
K0700	Percent Intake by Artificial Route			X		
M0700	Pressure Ulcer				X	
M1040G	Skin Tears	X				
M1040H	Moisture Associated Skin Damage	X				
M1200E	Ulcer Care			X		
N0300	Injections			X		
N0400	Medications Received (This item is replaced by N0410A-Z)		X			
N0410	Medications Received (Note: new method indicates number of days instead of check mark)	X				
Q0100B	Participation in Assessment					X
Q0100C	Participation in Assessment					X
Q0300A	Individual's Overall Expectation			X		
Q0300B	Individual's Overall Expectation					X

Saved Drafts:

- All MN/LOC 3.0 assessments saved as a draft as of May 1, 2012, will display the revisions submitted on or after May 1, 2012.

Corrections:

- All allowable corrections of an MN/LOC 3.0 assessment (within 14 days of the submission date) will display revisions to the assessment regardless of when it was originally submitted.

Use as Template:

- All MN/LOC 3.0 assessments submitted prior to May 1, 2012, will display the revisions when submitted from this template on or after May 1, 2012.

A revised Item by Item Guide will be available on May 1, 2012, at www.tmhp.com or by using the help link within the LTC Online Portal system. The Item by Item Guide will be updated to reflect changes made to assessment items listed on the above table and show clarifications made by CMS to items not listed in the table. Appendix II, Revisions Table of the Item by Item Guide lists all changes made.

For questions regarding these updates, please contact TMHP at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1.

Contact your DADS regional nurse for questions about the MN/LOC 3.0 assessment <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/CBA/contacts.html>.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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