



Memorandum

To: Community Services Regional Directors
Community Services Program Managers

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Subject: Obtaining Medical Necessity and Level of Care Data From Other Sources

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This policy clarification is directed to DADS nurses who complete the 3.0 Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessment. Specifically these are DADS nurses who complete the MN/LOC Assessment for:

- Medical Necessity determination for consumers in the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP);
- Utilization Review (UR) for MDCP, the Community Based Alternative (CBA) Program and Integrated Care Management Waiver (ICMW);
- Lookback for MDCP, CBA, Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP), and ICMW.

The Lookback MN/LOC Assessment will be implemented in the near future.

This clarification addresses the following fields on the 3.0 MN/LOC:

I0799a - Blood Pressure Reading #1 for Hypertension

I0799b - Blood Pressure Reading #2 for Hypertension

I0899a - Blood Pressure Reading #1 for Hypotension

I0899b - Blood Pressure Reading #2 for Hypotension

I2999 - Blood Sugar Range

K0200 - Height and Weight

L0200 - Dental

M0300A through D and M0300F - Current Number of Unhealed Ulcers at Each Stage

M0610 - Dimensions of Unhealed Stage 3 or 4 Pressure Ulcers or Eschar,

The DADS nurse completing the 3.0 MN/LOC Assessment must attempt to obtain the most recent information for the above fields by asking sources such as the individual being assessed, the individual's caregiver, the individual's physician's office or dentist's office, the Home and Community Support Services Agency providing skilled care (if applicable) and reviewing the most recent clinical documentation, if available. Explain in the Comment field, S10, the source of the information and, if available, the date of

the blood pressure reading, blood sugar range, weight, etc.

- If the DADS nurse is unable to obtain a response for blood pressure or blood sugar, zeros must be entered in the corresponding fields.
- If the DADS nurse is unable to obtain the response for weight, a dash must be entered in the weight field.
- Height is a required field and a value must be entered.
- If the DADS nurse is unable to obtain the response for L0200, Dental, select G- Unable to examine; and state in the Comment field, S10, the dental exam was not completed per policy.
- For M0300 the DADS nurse must ask the individual or the individual's caregiver if the individual has currently, or in the last 7 days, any unhealed stage 1,2,3,4 and unstageable pressure ulcers. If the response is no, the DADS nurse does not observe the skin and enters zeros in M0300A-D and M0300F. If the response is yes, ask if the ulcer is covered with a dressing. If yes, ask
 - can the dressing be removed at this time? and;
 - are supplies available in the home to re-dress the ulcer?, and ;
 - is a caregiver trained and available to re-dress the ulcer?

The DADS nurse does not have physician orders and, therefore, must not remove a dressing or re-dress an ulcer. If the individual or caregiver reports the presence of pressure ulcers, the DADS nurse must observe the skin only when dressing supplies are available and a caregiver (in this situation, the term caregiver includes a home health nurse) is trained and available to remove the dressing and re-dress the ulcer. Some dressings are designed to stay on ulcers for a specified period of days, if this is the case, the DADS nurse must not ask the caregiver to remove the dressing. The DADS nurse completes M0300A-D and F based on the response of the individual, or caregiver, or on the results of the skin observation if performed by the DADS nurse. Document in the Comment field, S10, as needed.

- For M0610, Dimensions of Unhealed Stage 3 or 4 Pressure Ulcers or Eschar, if the nurse observes a Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcer, estimate the size and enter it in this field. M0610 accepts zeros, the nurse should enter zero in these fields if caregiver reported stage 3 or 4 ulcers are not observed by the DADS Nurse. Document in the Comment field, S10, as needed.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, your regional representative may contact Sara Goodman at 512-438-5837 or Helen Wright at 512-438-2870.

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