



Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Provider Bulletin

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Subject: DMH Approved Functional Assessment for Providers of Substance Use Disorder Services

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Scope

All DMH Certified Providers of Substance Use Disorder Services

Purpose

Inform all DMH Certified Providers of Substance Use Disorder Services of the DMH approved functional assessments, Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) and Daily Living Activities–20: Alcohol and Drug (©DLA-20: A/D) Functional Assessment.

Background

DMH certified providers of Substance Use Disorder Services are required by the Operational Standards to conduct a DMH approved functional assessment for all individuals receiving substance use disorder services. The CAFAS and the DLA-20: A/D replaces all previously approved tools designed to measure change (or lack of) over time for both children and adults receiving substance use disorder services.

In 2016, DMH provided training on the CAFAS and the DLA-20: A/D to the designated train-the-trainers within the 14 Community Mental Health Centers.

Subject

DMH approves the DLA-20: A/D for adults (18 years and older), the CAFAS for children (5 -19 years) to meet the DMH approved functional assessment requirement in Rules 16.9.L. The DLA-20: A/D and the CAFAS replaces all previously approved tools designed to measure change (or lack of) over time for both children and adults receiving substance use disorder services.

Beginning July 1, 2017, all newly admitted children/youth or adults beginning to receive substance use disorder services from the agency must be administered a CAFAS or DLA-20: A/D within seven (7) days of admission and according to the following timeline:

- Administered at the time of discharge from any Community Living Service (includes both Primary Residential Services and Transitional Residential Services), Outpatient Service, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), or Recovery Support Service.
- Administered at least every ninety (90) days thereafter (from the date of the last functional assessment).

It is recommended that the CAFAS and the DLA-20: A/D is completed at admission during the assessment process.

For adult and children/youth currently receiving substance use disorder services, a CAFAS or DLA-20: A/D must be administered according to the following timeline:

- Administered at the time of discharge from any Community Living Service, Outpatient Service, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), or Recovery Support Service.
- Administered at least every ninety (90) days thereafter (from the date of the last functional assessment).

If DMH certified providers have not received training for their agency on the implementation of the DLA-20: A/D or the CAFAS they may contact the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services for more information.

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