

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXPEDITED RULEMAKING
TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES
CHAPTER 28. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM – ARIZONA LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM

PREAMBLE

- | <u>1. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u> | <u>Rulemaking Action</u> |
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| R9-28-301 | Amend |
| R9-28-303 | Amend |
| R9-28-304 | Amend |
| R9-28-305 | Amend |
| R9-28-306 | Amend |
| R9-28-307 | Amend |
- 2. Citations to the agency’s statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):**
Authorizing Statute: A.R.S. § 36-2932
Implementing Statute: A.R.S. § 36-2936
- 3. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the record of the proposed expedited rule:**
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: (volume #) A.A.R. (page #)
- 4. The agency’s contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:**
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- 5. An agency’s justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, under A.R.S. § 41-1027, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:**
AHCCCS seeks to remove the mandatory face-to-face PAS assessment language of R9-28-303(C) to clarify that not all future PAS assessments will be conducted in-person through a face-to-face assessment. AHCCCS began conducting all PAS assessments telephonically due to COVID-19 precautions. Through updated procedures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, AHCCCS has determined that telephonic assessments provide greater efficiencies and flexibility for applicants, members and AHCCCS staff, thus allowing financial savings and benefits for the State, applicants, members, and, ultimately, the public. There is no federal face-to-face PAS assessment requirement; therefore, AHCCCS proposes, as part of this rulemaking, to remove the requirement that all such assessments occur face-to-face.
- Additionally, AHCCCS proposes that the PAS instrument currently used for assessment of children with developmental disabilities who are age 6 through 11 years old be used for children with physical disabilities who are age 6 through 11 years old. AHCCCS believes that using the same PAS instrument for children in both populations for this age range provides a more accurate assessment. The mandatory physician consultant review process will remain the same.
- Finally, AHCCCS proposes to remove section B because AHCCCS conducts initial assessments of applicants in the same manner regardless of setting. Therefore, specific assessment procedures for hospital and acute care settings are no longer necessary.

The additional changes found in the Five-Year Review Report are needed to keep the rules clear, concise and understandable for members of the public.

6. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

A study was not referenced or relied upon when revising these regulations.

7. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

8. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

None of the changes recommended in this report will have an economic, small business, or consumer impact. All of the changes are either for clarifying purposes or to reflect how operations within the Administration have been updated in order to provide services to members at a more efficient rate.

9. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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10. Where, when, and how person may provide written comments on the proposed expedited rule:

The proposed expedited rule language will be available on the AHCCCS website. Please send comments to the above address by the close of the comment period, 5:00 p.m., June 10, 2022.

Date: June 10, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: <https://meet.google.com/vpx-pbgk-ewy>
Nature: Public Hearing

11. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

There are no other matters prescribed by statutes applicable specifically to the Administration or this specific rulemaking.

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

Not applicable

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

Not applicable

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

No such analysis was submitted.

12. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

None

13. The full text of the rules follows:

TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES

CHAPTER 22. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 3 – PREADMISSION SCREENING (PAS)

Section

R9-28-301. Definitions

R9-28-303. Preadmission Screening (PAS) Process

R9-28-304. Preadmission Screening Criteria for an Applicant or Member who is Elderly ~~and~~or Physically Disabled (EPD)

R9-28-305. Preadmission Screening Criteria for an Applicant or Member who is Developmentally Disabled (DD)

R9-28-306. Reassessments.

R9-29-307. The ALTCS Transitional Program for a Member who is Elderly ~~and~~or Physically Disabled (EPD) or Developmentally Disabled (DD)

ARTICLE 9 – PREADMISSION SCREENING (PAS)

R9-28-301 Definitions

- A. Common definitions. In addition to definitions contained in A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 29, and 9 A.A.C. 28, Article 1, the words and phrases in this Article have the following meanings for an individual who is elderly or physically disabled (EPD) or developmentally disabled (DD) unless the context explicitly requires another meaning:
- “Applicant” is defined in A.A.C. R9-22-101.
 - “Assessor” means a social worker as defined in this subsection or a licensed registered nurse (RN) who:
 - Is employed by the Administration to conduct PAS assessments,
 - Completes a minimum of 30 hours of classroom training in both EPD and DD PAS for a total of 60 hours, and
 - Receives intensive oversight and monitoring by the Administration during the first 30 days of employment and ongoing oversight by the Administration during all periods of employment.
 - “Current” means belonging to the present time.
 - “Disruptive behavior” means inappropriate behavior by the applicant or member including urinating or defecating in inappropriate places, sexual behavior inappropriate to time, place, or person or excessive whining, crying, or screaming that interferes with an applicant’s or member’s normal activities or the activities of others and requires intervention to stop or interrupt the behavior.
 - “Frequency” means the number of times a specific behavior occurs within a specified interval.
 - “Functional assessment” means an evaluation of information about an applicant’s or member’s ability to perform activities related to:
 - Developmental milestones,
 - Activities of daily living,
 - Communication, and
 - Behavior.
 - “Immediate risk of institutionalization” means the status of an applicant or member under A.R.S. § 36-2934(A)(5) and as specified in A.R.S. § 36-2936 and in the Administration’s Section 1115 Waiver with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - “Intervention” means therapeutic treatment, including the use of medication, behavior modification, and physical restraints to control behavior. Intervention may be formal or informal and includes actions taken by friends or family to control the behavior.
 - “Medical assessment” means an evaluation of an applicant’s or member’s medical condition and the applicant’s or member’s need for medical services.
 - “Medical or nursing services and treatments” or “services and treatments” means specific, ongoing medical, psychiatric, or nursing intervention used actively to resolve or prevent deterioration of a medical condition. Durable medical equipment and activities of daily living assistive devices are not treatment unless the equipment or device is used specifically and actively to resolve the existing medical condition.
 - “Physician consultant” means a physician who contracts with the Administration.
 - “Social worker” means an individual with two years of case management-related experience or a Baccalaureate or master’s degree in:
 - Social work,
 - Rehabilitation,
 - Counseling,
 - Education,
 - Sociology,
 - Psychology, or
 - Other closely related field.
 - “Special diet” means a diet planned by a dietitian, nutritionist, or nurse that includes high fiber, low sodium, or pureed food.

“Toileting” means the process involved in an applicant’s or member’s managing of the elimination of urine and feces in an appropriate place.

“Vision” means the ability to perceive objects with the eyes.

B. EPD. In addition to definitions contained in subsection (A), the following also apply to an applicant or member who is EPD:

“Aggression” means physically attacking another, including:

- Throwing an object,
- Punching,
- Biting,
- Pushing,
- Pinching,
- Pulling hair,
- Scratching, and
- Physically threatening behavior

“Bathing” means the process of washing, rinsing, and drying all parts of the body, including an applicant’s or member’s ability to transfer to a tub or shower and to obtain bath water and equipment.

“Continence” means the applicant’s or member’s ability to control the discharge of body waste from bladder and bowel.

“Dressing” means the physical process of choosing, putting on, securing fasteners, and removing clothing and footwear. Dressing includes choosing a weather-appropriate article of clothing but excludes aesthetic concerns. Dressing includes the applicant’s or member’s ability to put on artificial limbs, braces, and other appliances that are needed daily.

“Eating” means the process of putting food and fluids by any means into the digestive system.

“Emotional and cognitive functioning” means an applicant’s or member’s orientation and mental state, as evidenced by aggressive, self-injurious, wandering, disruptive, and resistive behaviors.

“EPD” means an applicant or member who is elderly ~~and~~ physically disabled.

“Grooming” means an applicant’s or member’s process of tending to appearance. Grooming includes: combing or brushing hair; washing face and hands; shaving; oral hygiene (including denture care); and menstrual care. Grooming does not include aesthetics such as styling hair, skin care, nail care, and applying cosmetics.

“Mobility” means the extent of an applicant’s or member’s purposeful movement within a residential environment.

“Orientation” means an applicant’s or member’s awareness of self in relation to person, place, and time.

“Physically disabled” means an applicant or member who is determined to be physically impaired by the Administration through the PAS assessment as allowed under the Administration’s Section 1115 Waiver with CMS.

“Resistiveness” means inappropriately obstinate and uncooperative behaviors, including passive or active obstinate behaviors, or refusing to participate in self-care or to take necessary medications. Resistiveness does not include difficulties with auditory processing or reasonable expressions of self-advocacy.

“Self-injurious behavior” means repeated self-induced, abusive behavior that is directed toward infliction of immediate physical harm to the body.

“Sensory” means of or relating to the senses.

“Transferring” means an applicant’s or member’s ability to move horizontally or vertically between two surfaces within a residential environment, excluding transfer for toileting or bathing.

“Wandering” means an applicant’s or member’s moving about with no rational purpose and with a tendency to go beyond the physical parameter of the residential environment.

C. DD. In addition to definitions contained in subsection (A), the following also apply to an applicant or member who is DD:

“Acute” means an active medical condition having a sudden onset, lasting a short time, and requiring immediate medical intervention.

“Aggression” means physically attacking another, including:

- Throwing objects,
- Punching,

Biting,
Pushing,
Pinching,
Pulling hair, and
Scratching.

“Ambulation” means the ability to walk and includes quality of the walking and the degree of independence in walking.

“Bathing or showering” means an applicant’s or member’s ability to complete the bathing process including drawing the bath water, washing, rinsing, and drying all parts of the body, and washing the hair.

“Clarity of communication” means an ability to speak in recognizable language or use a formal symbolic substitution, such as American-Sign Language.

“Community mobility” means the applicant’s or member’s ability to move about a neighborhood or community independently, by any mode of transportation.

“Crawling and standing” means an applicant’s or member’s ability to crawl and stand with or without support.

“DD” means developmentally disabled.

“Developmental milestone” means a measure of an applicant’s or member’s functional abilities, including:

Fine motor skills,
Gross motor skills,
Communication,
Socialization,
Daily living skills, and
Behaviors.

“Dressing” means the ability to put on and remove an article of clothing. Dressing does not include the ability to put on or remove braces nor does it reflect an applicant’s or member’s ability to match colors or choose clothing appropriate for the weather.

“Eating or drinking” means the process of putting food and fluid by any means into the digestive system.

“Expressive verbal communication” means an applicant’s or member’s ability to communicate thoughts with words or sounds.

“Food preparation” means the ability to prepare a simple meal including a sandwich, cereal, or a frozen meal.

“Hand use” means the applicant’s or member’s ability to use both hands, or one hand if an applicant or member has only one hand or has the use of only one hand.

“History” means a medical condition that occurred in the past, regardless of whether the medical Condition required treatment in the past, and is not now active.

“Personal hygiene” means the process of tending to one’s appearance. Personal hygiene may include: combing or brushing hair, washing face and hands, shaving, performing routine nail care, oral hygiene including denture care, and menstrual care. This does not include aesthetics such as styling hair, skin care, and applying cosmetics.

“Rolling and sitting” means an applicant’s or member’s ability to roll and sit independently or with the physical support of another person or with a device such as a pillow or specially-designed chair.

“Running or wandering away” means an applicant or member leaving a physical environment without notifying or receiving permission from the appropriate individuals.

“Self-injurious behavior” means an applicant’s or member’s repeated behavior that causes injury to the applicant or member.

“Verbal or physical threatening” means any behavior in which an applicant or member uses words, sounds, or action to threaten harm to self, others, or an object.

“Wheelchair mobility” means an applicant’s or member’s mobility using a wheelchair and does not include the ability to transfer to and from the wheelchair.

- A.** The assessor shall use the PAS instrument to determine whether the following applicants or members are at immediate risk of institutionalization:
1. The assessor shall use the PAS instrument prescribed in R9-28-304 to assess an applicant or member who is EPD ~~except as specified in subsection (A)(2) for an applicant or member who is physically disabled and who is less than 6 years old. After assessing a child who is physically disabled and age 6 years to less than 12 years, the assessor shall refer the child for physician consultant review under subsections (G) through (J).~~
 2. The assessor shall use the age-specific PAS instrument prescribed in R9-28-305 to assess an applicant or member who is physically disabled and less than 6 years old. After assessing the child, the assessor shall refer the child for physician consultant review under subsections (G) through (J).
 3. The assessor shall use the PAS instrument prescribed in R9-28-305 to assess an applicant or member who is DD, except as specified in subsection (A)(4) for an applicant or member who is DD and residing in a NF. After assessing a child who is DD and less than 6 months of age, the assessor shall refer the child for physician consultant review under subsections (G) through (J).
 4. The assessor shall use the PAS instrument prescribed in R9-28-304 for an applicant or a member who is DD and residing in a NF.
 5. The assessor shall use the PAS instrument prescribed in R9-28-304 or R9-28-305, whichever is applicable, to assess an applicant or member who is classified as ventilator-dependent, under Section 1902(e)(9) of the Social Security Act.
- B.** For an initial assessment of an applicant who is in a hospital or other acute care setting:
1. A registered nurse assessor shall complete the PAS assessment; or
 2. In the event that a registered nurse assessor is not available, a social worker assessor shall complete the PAS assessment; and
 3. ~~The assessor shall conduct the PAS assessment and determine medical eligibility when discharge is scheduled within seven days.~~
- C.** An assessor shall conduct a ~~face-to-face~~ PAS assessment with an applicant or member, except as provided in subsection (F). The assessor shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the applicant's or member's available medical records. The assessor may also obtain information for the PAS assessment from ~~face-to-face~~ interviews with the:
1. Applicant or member,
 2. Parent,
 3. Guardian,
 4. Caregiver, or
 5. Any person familiar with the applicant's or member's functional or medical condition.
- D.** Using the information described in subsection (C), an assessor shall complete the PAS assessment based on the assessor's education, experience, professional judgment, and training.
- E.** After the assessor completes the PAS assessment, the assessor shall calculate a PAS score. The assessor shall compare the PAS score to an established threshold score. The scoring methodology and threshold scores are specified in R9-28-304 and R9-28-305. Except as determined by physician consultant review as provided in subsections (G) through (J), the threshold score is the point at which an applicant or member is determined to be at immediate risk of institutionalization.
- F.** Upon request from a person acting on behalf of the applicant, the Administration shall conduct a PAS assessment to determine whether a deceased applicant ~~who was residing in a NF or who received services in an ICF-MR any time during the time period covered by the application~~ would have been eligible to receive ALTCS benefits for those months.
- G.** In the following circumstances, the Administration shall request that a physician consultant review the PAS assessment, the available medical records, and use professional judgment to make the determination that an applicant or member has a developmental disability or has a nonpsychiatric medical condition that, by itself or in combination with other medical conditions, places an applicant or member at immediate risk of institutionalization:
1. The PAS score of an applicant or member who is EPD is less than the threshold specified in R9-28-304, but is at least 56;
 2. The PAS score of an applicant or member who is DD is less than the threshold specified in R9-28-305, but is at least 38;

3. An applicant or member scores below the threshold specified in R9-28-304, but the Administration has reasonable cause to believe that the applicant's or member's unique functional abilities or medical condition may place the applicant or member at immediate risk of institutionalization;
 4. An applicant or member scores below the threshold specified in R9-28-304 and has a documented diagnosis of autism, autistic-like behavior, or pervasive developmental disorder;
 5. An applicant or member who is seriously mentally ill as defined in A.R.S. § 36-550 who scores at or above the threshold specified in R9-28-304, but may not meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 36-2936. When an applicant or member who is seriously mentally ill scores at or above the threshold, the physician consultant shall exercise professional judgment to determine whether the applicant or member meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 36-2936.
 6. An applicant is an AHCCCS acute care member and scores at or above the threshold specified in R9-28-304 but the Administration has reasonable cause to believe that the applicant's condition is convalescent and requires less than 90 days of institutional care;
 7. An applicant or member is a child who is physically disabled and is at least 6 but less than 12 years of age;
 8. An applicant or member is a child who is physically disabled and is under 6 years of age; and
 9. An applicant is under 6 months of age.
- H.** The physician consultant shall consider the following:
1. Activities of daily living dependence;
 2. Delay in development;
 3. Continence;
 4. Orientation;
 5. Behavior;
 6. Any medical condition, including stability and prognosis of the condition;
 7. Any medical nursing treatment provided to the applicant or member including skilled monitoring, medication, and therapeutic regimens;
 8. The degree to which the applicant or member must be supervised;
 9. The skill and training required of the applicant or member's caregiver; and
 10. Any other factor of significance to the individual case.
- I.** If the physician consultant is unable to make the determination from the PAS assessment and the available medical records, the physician consultant may conduct a face-to-face review with the applicant or member or contact others familiar with the applicant's or member's needs, including a primary care physician or other caregiver, to make the determination.
- J.** The physician consultant shall state the reasons for the determination in the physician review comment section of the PAS instrument.

R9-28-304 Preadmission Screening Criteria for an Applicant or Member who is Elderly ~~and~~or Physically Disabled (EPD)

- A.** The PAS instrument for an applicant or member who is EPD includes the following categories:
1. Intake information category. The assessor solicits intake information category information on an applicant's or member's demographic background. The components of the intake information category are not included in the calculated PAS score.
 2. Functional assessment category. The assessor solicits functional assessment category information on an applicant's or member's:
 - a. Need for assistance with activities of daily living, including:
 - i. Bathing,
 - ii. Dressing,
 - iii. Grooming,
 - iv. Eating,
 - v. Mobility,
 - vi. Transferring, and
 - vii. Toileting in the residential environment or other routine setting;
 - b. Communication and sensory skills, including hearing, expressive communication, and vision; and
 - c. Continence, including bowel and bladder functioning.

3. Emotional and cognitive functioning category. The assessor solicits emotional and cognitive functioning category information on an applicant's or member's:
 - a. Orientation to person, place, and time. In soliciting this information, the assessor shall also take into account the caregiver's judgment; and
 - b. Behavior, including:
 - i. Wandering
 - ii. Self-injurious behavior,
 - iii. Aggression,
 - iv. Resistiveness, and
 - v. Disruptive behavior.
 4. Medical assessment category. The assessor solicits medical assessment category information on an applicant's or member's:
 - a. Medical conditions that have an impact on the applicant's or member's functional ability in relation to activities of daily living, continence, and vision;
 - b. Medical condition that requires medical or nursing service and treatment;
 - c. Medication, treatment, and allergies;
 - d. Specific services and treatments that the applicant or member is currently receiving; and
 - e. Physical measurements, hospitalization history, and ventilator dependency.
- B.** The assessor shall use the PAS instrument to assess an applicant or member who is EPD as specified in this Section. A copy of the PAS instrument is available from the Administration. The Administration uses the assessor's PAS assessment to calculate three scores: a functional score, a medical score, and a total score.
1. Functional score:
 - a. The Administration calculates the functional score from responses to scored items in the functional assessment and emotional and cognitive functioning categories. For each response to a scored item, a number of points is assigned, which is multiplied by a weighted numerical value. The result is a weighted score for each response.
 - b. In the functional assessment matrix, all items in the following categories are scored according to subsection (C):
 - i. Activities of daily living,
 - ii. Continence,
 - iii. Sensory,
 - iv. Orientation, and
 - v. Behavior.
 - c. The sum of the weighted scores equals the functional score. The weighted score per item can range from 0 to 15. The maximum functional score attainable by an applicant or member is 166.
 2. Medical score.
 - a. In the medical assessment matrix, all items in the following categories are scored according to:
 - i. Medical conditions as specified in subsection (C), and
 - ii. Medical or nursing services and treatments in subsection (C).
 - b. The Administration calculates the medical score based on the applicant's or member's:
 - i. Diagnosis of Alzheimer's, or dementia, or organic brain syndrome (OBS);
 - ii. Diagnosis of paralysis; and
 - iii. Current use of oxygen
 - c. The maximum medical score attainable by an applicant or member is 31.5.
 3. Total score.
 - a. The sum of an applicant's or member's functional and medical scores equals the total score.
 - b. The total score is compared to the established threshold score as calculated under this Section. The threshold score is 60.
 - c. As defined in R9-28-303, an applicant or member is determined at immediate risk of institutionalization if the total score is equal to or greater than 60.
- C.** The following matrices represent the number of points available and the respective weight for each scored item.

1. Functional assessment points. The lowest value in the range of points available per item in the functional assessment category, zero, indicates minimal to no impairment. Conversely, the highest value indicates severe impairment.
2. Medical assessment points. The lowest value in the range of points available per item in the medical assessment category, zero, indicates that the applicant or member:
 - a. Does not have the scored medical condition,
 - b. Does not need the scored medical or nursing services, or
 - c. Does not receive the scored medical or nursing services.

FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT	# of Points Available Per Item (P)	Weight (W)	Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P)x(W)
Activities of Daily Living Section			
Mobility	0-3	5	0-15
Transfer	0-3	5	0-15
Bathing	0-3	5	0-15
Dressing	0-3	5	0-15
Grooming	0-3	5	0-15
Eating	0-3	5	0-15
Toileting	0-3	5	0-15
Continence Section			
Bowel	0-3	1	0-3
Bladder	0-3	1	0-3
Sensory Section			
Vision	0-3	2	0-6
Orientation Section			
Place	0-4	.5	0-2
Time	0-4	.5	0-2
Emotional or Cognitive Behavior Section			
Aggression-Frequency	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Aggression-Intervention	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Self-injurious-Frequency	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Self-injurious-Intervention	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Wandering-Frequency	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Wandering-Intervention	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Resistiveness-Frequency	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Resistiveness-Intervention	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Disruptive-Frequency	0-3	1.5	0-4.5
Disruptive-Intervention	0-3	1.5	0-4.5

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT	# of Points Available Per Item (P)	Weight (W)	Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P)x(W)
Medical Conditions Section			
Paralysis	0-1	6.5	0 or 6.5
Alzheimer's, or OBS, or Dementia	0-1	20	0 or 20
Services and Treatments Section			
Oxygen	0-1	5	0 or 5

R9-28-305 Preadmission Screening Criteria for an Applicant or Member who is Developmentally Disabled (DD)

- A.** The Administration shall conduct a PAS assessment of an applicant or member who is DD using one of three PAS instruments specifically designed to assess an applicant or member in the following age groups:
1. Twelve years of age and older,
 2. Six through 11 years of age, and
 3. Birth through 5 years of age.
- B.** The PAS instruments for an applicant or member who is DD include three major categories:
1. Intake information category. The assessor solicits intake information category information on an applicant's or member's demographic background. The components of this category are not included in the calculated PAS score.
 2. Functional assessment category. The functional assessment category differs by age group as indicated in subsections (B)(2)(a) through (e):
 - a. For an applicant or member 12 years of age and older, the assessor solicits the functional assessment category information on an applicant's or member's:
 - i. Need for assistance with independent living skills, including hand use, ambulation, wheelchair mobility, transfer, eating or drinking, dressing, personal hygiene, bathing or showering, food preparation, community mobility, and toileting;
 - ii. Communication skills and cognitive abilities, including expressive verbal communication, clarity of communication, associating time with an event and action, and remembering an instruction and a demonstration; and
 - iii. Behavior, including aggression, verbal or physical threatening, self-injurious behavior, and resistive or rebellious behavior.
 - b. For an applicant or member 6 through 11 years of age, the assessor solicits the functional assessment category information on an applicant's or member's:
 - i. Need for assistance with independent living skills, including rolling and sitting, crawling and standing, ambulation, climbing stairs or ramps, wheelchair mobility, dressing, personal hygiene, bathing or showering, toileting, level of bladder control, and orientation to familiar settings;
 - ii. Communication, including expressive verbal communication and clarity of communication; and
 - iii. Behavior, including aggression, verbal or physical threatening, self-injurious behavior, running or wandering away, and disruptive behavior
 - c. For an applicant or member 6 months through 5 years of age, the assessor solicits the functional assessment category information on an applicant's or member's performance with respect to a series of developmental milestones that measure an applicant's or member's degree of functional growth.
 - d. For an applicant or member less than 6 months of age, the assessor shall not complete a functional assessment. The assessor shall include a description of the applicant's or member's development in the PAS instrument narrative summary.
 3. Medical assessment category. The assessor solicits medical assessment category information on an applicant's or member's:
 - a. Medical condition;
 - b. Specific services and treatments the applicant or member receives or needs and the frequency of those services and treatments;
 - c. Current medication;
 - d. Medical stability;
 - e. Sensory functioning;
 - f. Physical measurements; and
 - g. Current living arrangement, ventilator dependency and eligibility for DES Division of Developmental Disabilities program services.
- C.** The assessor shall use the PAS instrument to assess an applicant or member who is DD. A copy of the PAS instrument is available from the Administration. The Administration uses the assessor's PAS instrument responses to calculate three scores: a functional score, a medical score, and a total score.
1. Functional score.
 - a. The Administration calculates the functional score from responses to scored items in the functional assessment category. Each response is assigned a number of points which is

multiplied by a weighted numerical value, resulting in a weighted score for each response.

- b. The following items are scored as indicated in subsection (D), under the Functional Assessment matrix:
- i. For an applicant or member 12 years of age and older, all items in the behavior section are scored. Designated items in the independent living skills, communication skills, and cognitive abilities sections are also scored;
 - ii. For an applicant or member 6 through 11 years of age, all items in the communication section are scored. Designated items in the independent living skills and behavior sections are scored;
 - iii. For an applicant or member 6 months of age through 5 years of age, items in the developmental milestones section are scored based on the age of the applicant.
- c. The sum of the weighted scores equals the functional score. The range of weighted score per item and maximum functional score for each age group is presented below:

AGE GROUP	RANGE FOR WEIGHTED SCORE PER ITEM	MAXIMUM FUNCTIONAL SCORE ATTAINABLE
12+	0 - 11.2	124.1
6-11	0 - 24	112.5
0-5	0 - 5.0	106.02

- d. No minimum functional score is required.
2. Medical score.
- a. Subsections (C)(2)(a)(i) through (iii) are scored as indicated in subsection (D), under the Medical Assessment matrix:
- i. The assessor shall score designated items in the medical conditions for an applicant or member 12 years of age and older and 6 years of age through 11 years of age.
 - ii. The assessor shall score designated items in the medical conditions and medical stability sections for an applicant or member 6 months of age through 5 years of age.
 - iii. The assessor shall complete only the medical assessment section of the PAS for an applicant or member less than 6 months of age. There is no weighted or calculated score assigned. The assessor shall refer the applicant or member for physician consultant review.
 - ~~iv. The assessor shall complete only the medical assessment section of the PAS for an applicant or member less than 6 months of age. There is no weighted or calculated score assigned. The assessor shall refer the applicant or member for physician consultant review.~~
- b. The Administration calculates the medical score from information obtained in the medical assessment category. Each response to a scored item is assigned a number of points. The sum of the points equals the medical score. The range of points per item and the maximum medical score attainable by an applicant or member is presented below:

AGE GROUP	RANGE OF POINTS PER ITEM	MAXIMUM MEDICAL SCORE ATTAINABLE
12+	0 - 20.6	21.4
6-11	0 - 2.5	5
0-5	0 - 10	60

- c. No minimum medical score is required.
- 3. Total score.
 - a. The sum of an applicant's or member's functional and medical scores equals the total score.
 - b. The total score is compared to an established threshold score in R9-28-304. For an applicant or member who is DD, the threshold score is 40. Based upon the PAS instrument an applicant or member with a total score equal to or greater than 40 is at immediate risk of institutionalization.

- D.** The following matrices represent the number of points available and the weight for each scored item.
1. Functional assessment points. An applicant or member age group 0 to 5: The value is received for each negative response. An applicant or member age groups 6 to 11 and 12+: the lowest value in the range of points available per item in the functional assessment category indicates minimal to no impairment. Conversely, the highest value indicates severe impairment.
 2. Medical assessment points. The lowest value in the range of points available per item in the medical assessment category, zero, indicates that the applicant or member:
 - a. Does not have a medical condition specified in the following matrices,
 - b. Does not need medical or nursing service as specified in the following matrices, or
 - c. Does not receive any medical or nursing service as specified in the following matrices.

AGE GROUP 12 AND OLDER FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT	# of Points Available Per Item (P)	Weight (W)	Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P) x (W)
Independent Living Skills Section			
Hand Use, Food Preparation	0-3	3.5	0-10.5
Ambulation, Toileting, Eating, Dressing, Personal Hygiene	0-4	2.8	0-11.2
Communicative Skills and Cognitive Abilities Section			
Associating Time, Remembering Instructions	0-3	0.5	0-1.5
Behavior Section			
Aggression, Threatening, Self Injurious	0-4	2.8	0-11.2
Resistive	0-3	3.5	0-10.5

<u>Age Group 12 and Older Medical Assessment</u>	<u># of Points Available Per Item (P)</u>	<u>Weight (W)</u>	<u>Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P) x (W)</u>
<u>Medical Condition Section</u>			
<u>Cerebral Palsy</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-4</u>	<u>0-4</u>
<u>Epilepsy</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-4</u>	<u>0-4</u>
<u>Moderate, Severe or Profound Mental Retardation</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-20.6</u>	<u>0-20.6</u>

AGE GROUP 12 AND OLDER MEDICAL ASSESSMENT	# of Points Available Per Item (P)	Weight (W)	Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P) x (W)
Medical Conditions Section			
Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy	0-1	0.4	0-4
Moderate, Severe, Profound Mental Retardation 0	0-1	20.6	0-20.6

AGE GROUP 6-11	# of Points	Weight (W)	Range of Possible Weighted Score
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FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT	Available Per Item (P)		Per Item (P) x (W)
Independent Living Skills Section			
Climbing Stairs, Wheelchair Mobility, Bladder Control	0-3	1.875	0-5.625
Ambulation, Dressing, Bathing, Toileting	0-4	1.5	0-6
Crawling or Standing	0-5	1.25	0-6.25
Rolling or Sitting	0-8	0.833	0-6.66
Communication Section			
Clarity	0-4	1.5	0-6
Expressive Communication	0-5	1.25	0-6.25
Behavior Section			
Wandering	0-4	6	0-24
Disruptive	0-3	7.5	0-22.5

<u>Age Group 6-11 Medical Assessment</u>	<u># of Points Available Per Item (P)</u>	<u>Weight (W)</u>	<u>Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P) x (W)</u>
<u>Medical Condition Section</u>			
<u>Cerebral Palsy</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-2.5</u>	<u>0-2.5</u>
<u>Epilepsy</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-2.5</u>	<u>0-2.5</u>
AGE GROUP 6 – 11 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT	# of Points Available Per Item (P)	Weight (W)	Range of Possible Weighted Score Per Item (P) x (W)
Medical Conditions Section			
Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy	0-1	2.50	0-2.5

AGE GROUP 0 – 5 FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT	Weight
6 -9 Months	5.0
9-11 Months	4.1
12-17 Months	2.9
18-23 Months	2.125
24-29 Months	1.75
30-35 Months	1.55
36-47 Months	1.34
48-59 Months	1.14
60 Months+	1.03

AGE GROUP 0 - 5 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT	Weight
Cerebral Palsy	5.0
Epilepsy	5.0
Moderate, Severe, or Profound Mental Retardation (36 Months and older only)	15.0
Autism + M-CHAT (18 Months and older only) Fails at least six M-CHAT based questions	7.0
Autism + Behaviors (30-35 Months only) Exhibits at least 3 of 4 specific behaviors	5.0
Autism + Behaviors (36 Months and older only) Exhibits at least 6 of 8 specific behaviors	10.0
Drug Regulation + Administration (6 Months to 35 Months)	1.0
Drug Regulation + Administration (36 Months and older)	1.5

Non-Bowel/Bladder Ostomy Care (6 Months to 35 Months)	7.0
Non-Bowel/Bladder Ostomy Care (36 Months and older)	5.0
Tube Feeding (6 Months to 35 Months)	7.0
Tube Feeding (36 Months and older)	5.0
Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy (6 Months to 35 Months)	1.0
Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy (36 Months and older)	1.5
Acute Hospital Admission (One)	1.0
Acute Hospital Admissions (Two or more)	2.0
Direct Care Staff Trained (6 Months to 11 Months)	0.5
Direct Care Staff Trained (12 Months and older)	1.0
Special Diet	2.0

R9-28-306 Reassessments

- A.** An assessor shall reassess an ALTCS member to determine continued eligibility:
1. In connection with a routine audit of the PAS assessment by AHCCCS;2. In connection with a request by a provider, program contractor, case manager, or other party, if AHCCCS determines that continued eligibility is uncertain due to substantial evidence of a change in the member's circumstances or error in the PAS assessment; or
 3. Annually when part of a population group identified by the Director in a written report as having an increased likelihood of becoming ineligible.
- B.** An assessor shall determine continued eligibility for ALTCS using the same criteria used for the initial PAS assessment as prescribed in R9-28-303.
- C.** An assessor shall refer the reassessment to physician consultant review if the member is:
1. Determined ineligible,
 2. In the ALTCS Transitional Program under R9-28-307 and resides in a NF or ICF-~~MRIID~~, or
 3. Seriously mentally ill and no longer has a non-psychiatric medical condition that impacts the member's ability to function.

R9-28-307 The ALTCS Transitional Program for a Member who is Elderly ~~and~~ Physically Disabled (EPD) or Developmentally Disabled (DD)

- A.** The ALTCS transitional program serves members enrolled in the ALTCS program who, at the time of reassessment as described in R9-28-306, no longer meet the threshold specified in R9-28-304 for EPD or in R9-28-305 for DD but do meet all other ALTCS eligibility criteria. The Administration shall compare the member's PAS assessment to a scoring methodology for eligibility in the ALTCS transitional program as defined in subsections (B) and (C).
- B.** The Administration shall transfer a member who is DD from the ALTCS program to the ALTCS transitional program if, at the time of a reassessment, the total PAS score is less than the threshold described in R9-28-305 but is at least 30, or the member is diagnosed with moderate, severe, or profound mental retardation.
- C.** The Administration shall transfer a member who is EPD from the ALTCS program to the ALTCS transitional program if, at the time of a reassessment, the PAS score is less than the threshold described in R9-28-304 but is at least 40.
- D.** For a member residing in a NF or ICF-~~MRIID~~, the program contractor or the Administration shall ensure that the member is moved to an approved home- and community-based setting within 90 continuous days from the enrollment date of the member's eligibility for the ALTCS transitional program.
- E.** A member in the ALTCS transitional program shall continue to receive all medically necessary covered services as specified in Article 2.
- F.** A member in the ALTCS transitional program is eligible to receive up to 90 continuous days per NF or ICF-~~MRIID~~ admission when the member's condition worsens to the extent that an admission is medically necessary.
- G.** For a member requiring medically necessary NF or ICF-~~MRIID~~ services for longer than 90 days, the program contractor shall request the Administration to conduct a reassessment under R9-28-306.