

SIS Update

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December 12, 2023

Agenda

- Overview of SIS-A 2nd Edition
- Implementation of SIS-A 2nd Edition in PA
- Summary of the AAIDD audit findings and recommendations and ODP's related action plan
- Historical data on Needs Groups and Needs Levels

MAJOR BENEFITS OF THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE SIS-A

- New norms ensure a person's scores remain meaningful in comparison to today's population rather than with people from over 20 years ago.
- New items added to the exceptional support needs section will provide finer distinctions in support needs and ensure important support needs not overlooked.
- Supplemental Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Activities scale renamed Advocacy Activities scale to better reflect the agency of individual assessed.
- The Advocacy Activities scale is incorporated into the SIS-A as a normed scale which broadens the understanding of a person's overall support needs and identifies the supports a person with IDD needs to advocate for themselves.

MAJOR BENEFITS OF THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE SIS-A (cont.)

- Data analysis confirms that the SIS-A remains a valid assessment of support needs among adults with IDD up to age 84.
- The Employment Activities scale is renamed Work Activities to clarify that its focus is on support needed to engage in meaningful work activities across adulthood and applies to older adults who may have retired from the workforce.
- The reorganization of some sections, scales, and items makes the interview more efficient and flows more smoothly.
- Minor edits in the wording and phrasing of headings and instructions provide greater clarity for users.

What is Norming (or re-norming)?

“Norming is the process of collecting a representative sample of a target population’s support needs, determining the range and average support needs of the sample, and creating a way to compare a single person’s support needs against those of the sample.”

“Norming helps us understand a person’s support needs in comparison with those of others who are similar to them.”

SIS-A 2nd Edition Normative Information

- Normative Sample increased significantly from 2004/2014 (n = approximately 1300) to 2023 (n=162,856) Adults with IDD receiving Medicaid-funded HCBS
- Participated in an SIS-A assessment between 2017 and 2020 using SIS-A Online data collection system completed by AAIDD-trained SIS-A assessors
- Aged 16-84
- From 21 states
- Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington

-AAIDD, Frequently Asked Questions About the Upcoming Second Edition, June 2023.
<https://www.aaidd.org/sis>

Implementation of SIS-A Second Edition in PA

- **ODP ANNOUNCEMENT 23-059** “Supports Intensity Scale-Adult® 2nd Edition (SIS-A® 2nd ed) & Kepro Name Change/Rebrand” publication date 7/5/2023
- **ODP ANNOUNCEMENT 23-094** “Go-Live of Supports Intensity Scale-Adult® 2nd Edition (SIS-A® 2nd Ed.)” publication date 11/22/23
- **ConSIStency Guide** updates made to reflect 2nd Ed. changes in Sections 1A, Exceptional Medical and 1B Exceptional Behavioral
- **Stakeholder Webinars** – Supports Intensity Scale 2nd Edition
 - December 14, 2024, 10-11am
 - December 18, 2024, 1 – 2 pm
- **GO LIVE** - January 1, 2024 – SIS 2nd Edition

SIS-A Resource Updates

- **MyODP Landing Page**
 - <https://home.myodp.org/resources/sis-a/>
 - AAIDD, Learning Resource Center
 - SIS Bulletin 00-18-11
 - SIS-A & PA Supplement User Manual (update coming in 2024)
 - Other various SIS resources and related ODP Announcements
- **Respondent Guide**
 - An Information Sheet for respondents to assist in the preparation and successful participation of the SIS-A Assessment meeting - Will be posted to MyODP in January 2024.
- **SIS-A Discrepancy Form**
 - A Microsoft Form that will be available in early 2024, allowing data collection and reporting of identified discrepancies, as well as the identification of trends and patterns related to identified discrepancies with SIS-A[®] assessment content and administration.

AAIDD Audit Summary

Audit Procedure

- AAIDD reviewed a total of 25 assessments. Assessments reviewed had (1) been submitted for *SIS Family Friendly Report Content Discrepancy Review* or (2) were for individuals whose Needs Group (NG) dropped by 2 or more NGs from the prior SIS assessment.
- Not conducted through a random representative sample review.
- Record reviews included evaluating each assessment against four quality indicators:
 - supporting documentation,
 - reasonableness of ratings for sections 1A &1B (exceptional medical and behavioral support needs),
 - reasonableness of ratings for sections 2 (support needs index) & 3 (supplemental protection & advocacy),
 - and impressions of reliability.

AAIDD Audit Summary

AAIDD's Impressions

1. Supporting documents provide conflicting or incompatible information to the SIS-A ratings and/or narratives.
2. Score differences from the previous SIS-A, most often in Section 1: Exceptional Medical and Behavioral Support Needs
3. Review requests include unsubstantiated and/or irrelevant information.
4. Review requests focus on needs level/needs group adjustments rather than concerns with SIS-A ratings.

AAIDD Audit Summary

AAIDD's Recommendations

AAIDD provided the following recommendations to consider when addressing the four most common trends described in the findings.

1. Proactively address differences from a previous SIS-A.
2. Update and ensure the ConSIStency Guide aligns with current ODP requirements and AAIDD standards.
3. Review respondent criteria requirements to safeguard that the appropriate respondents participate in SIS-A interviews.
4. Provide information about the support needs levels/needs group (NL/NG) assignment process.

ODP's Actions in Response to the Audit Findings and Recommendations

1. Improve Training and SIS-A Related Resources

The audit revealed a need to improve both **access** to and **content** of training and preparatory materials for stakeholders. ODP is taking the following actions to address:

- Dedicated MyODP SIS course page.
- Subscription to the AAIDD Learning Resource Center (LRC)
- Update and disseminate information on appropriate respondent selection
- Update SIS-A User Manual which will include resources for all stakeholders
- Update ConSISency Guide for assessors
- ODP will begin publishing quarterly NL/NG data including by residence size for the residential population.

ODP's Actions in Response to the Audit Findings and Recommendations (cont.)

2. Implement SIS-A 2nd Edition – January 1, 2024

- After implementation of SIS-A 2nd Edition, ODP will accept requests for re-assessments of individuals for whom their most recent SIS assessment resulted in a NG decrease of 2 or more levels.
- Re-assessment conditioned on provider attestation that respondent selection criteria, in line with AAIDD guidance, has been met for all participating respondents and designated respondents have reviewed preparatory materials.

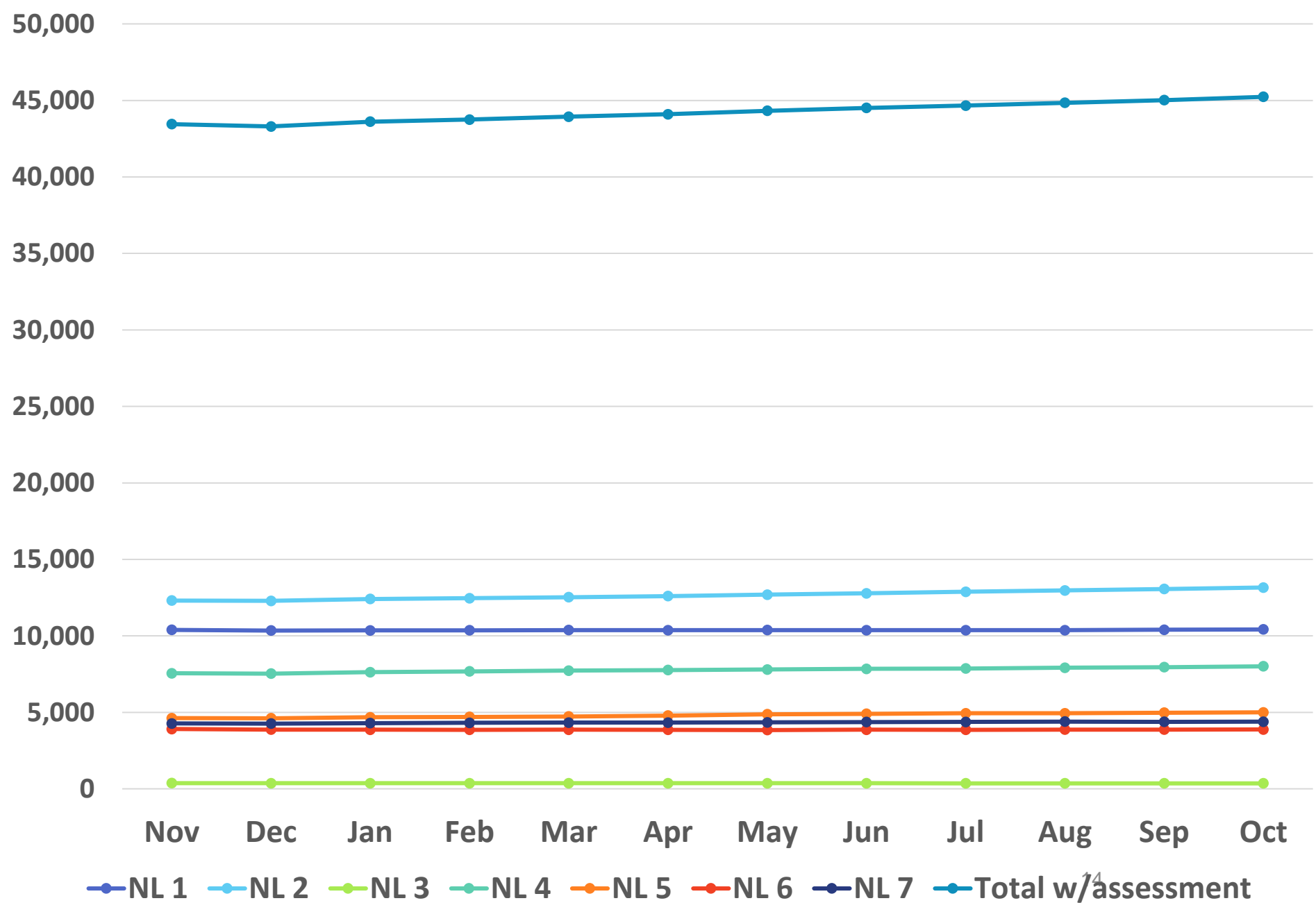
3. Improve Timeliness of Assessments

- Monitoring current vendor and instructed on required steps to improve timeliness.
- Re-procuring services of a SIS assessment vendor intend to include stiffer penalties related to failures in performance measures for volume and delivery time.

4. Improve Discrepancy Review Process

- Release an electronic SIS-A Discrepancy Review Form.

Needs Level Trends Nov 22-Oct 23



	Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct	
NL 1	10,392	23.9%	10,352	23.9%	10,359	23.8%	10,363	23.7%	10,376	23.6%	10,373	23.5%	10,382	23.4%	10,372	23.3%	10,372	23.2%	10,374	23.1%	10,402	23.1%	10,425	23.0%
NL 2	12,313	28.3%	12,285	28.4%	12,410	28.5%	12,460	28.5%	12,525	28.5%	12,599	28.6%	12,695	28.6%	12,782	28.7%	12,883	28.8%	12,974	28.9%	13,064	29.0%	13,161	29.1%
NL 3	374	0.9%	372	0.9%	372	0.9%	367	0.8%	366	0.8%	368	0.8%	370	0.8%	368	0.8%	361	0.8%	365	0.8%	361	0.8%	360	0.8%
NL 4	7,557	17.4%	7,534	17.4%	7,625	17.5%	7,677	17.5%	7,732	17.6%	7,768	17.6%	7,806	17.6%	7,845	17.6%	7,869	17.6%	7,920	17.7%	7,952	17.7%	8,015	17.7%
NL 5	4,624	10.6%	4,615	10.7%	4,681	10.7%	4,704	10.8%	4,734	10.8%	4,793	10.9%	4,874	11.0%	4,904	11.0%	4,940	11.1%	4,945	11.0%	4,976	11.1%	5,001	11.1%
NL 6	3,913	9.0%	3,879	9.0%	3,871	8.9%	3,859	8.8%	3,867	8.8%	3,863	8.8%	3,850	8.7%	3,870	8.7%	3,863	8.6%	3,872	8.6%	3,879	8.6%	3,883	8.6%
NL 7	4,275	9.8%	4,264	9.8%	4,294	9.8%	4,316	9.9%	4,335	9.9%	4,334	9.8%	4,345	9.8%	4,367	9.8%	4,377	9.8%	4,395	9.8%	4,384	9.7%	4,390	9.7%
Total w/assess ment	43,448		43,301		43,612		43,746		43,935		44,098		44,322		44,508		44,665		44,845		45,018		45,235	