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Children's Long-Term Support Functional Screen (CLTS FS) Tip: Summary of Changes to the CLTS FS

Children's Functional Screen Team

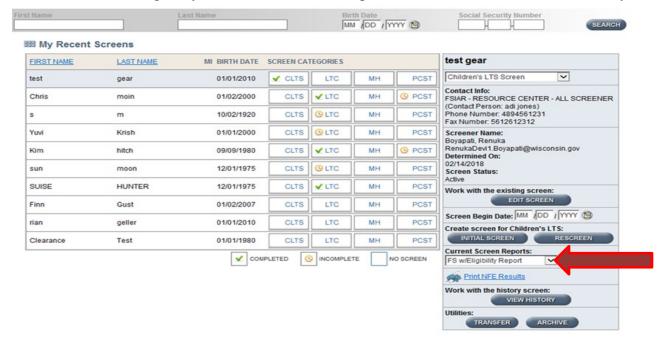
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the state Medicaid agency (Wisconsin Department of Health Services) to retain administrative authority and responsibility for the operation of § 1915(c) home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver programs by exercising oversight of the consistent performance of waiver functions by other state and local/regional non-state agencies and contracted entities.

The Bureau of Children's Services (BCS) has established the children's functional screen team to ensure county waiver agencies follow the requirements for evaluating and reevaluating an applicant's or participant's institutional level of care, consistent with the protocols specified in the approved CLTS Waiver Program.

The purpose of the CLTS Functional Screen Tips are to support local operating agencies in accurate eligibility determinations by clarifying screen instructions and sharing CLTS FS policy or system updates.

The following CLTS FS policy and Functional Screen Access Information (FSIA) system updates are scheduled to move to production on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 5 p.m.:

• **Eligibility reports:** Currently, there are multiple eligibility reports screeners can display and print. The information in each report varies. This update produces one report, which includes all eligibility information and is the report that should be shared with the family.



- Removal of citizenship and identity information: The citizenship and identifying information sections have been removed from the CLTS FS, as this information is not needed for CLTS FS level of care (LOC) determinations and is confirmed via other DHS systems.
- The Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Level of Care: Eligibility for BCS programs is based on children meeting an institutional LOC as defined by federal law and state statute. Eligibility determinations for children with intellectual/development disabilities or related conditions is the ICF/IID LOC. The ICF/IID LOC criteria detailed in the Institutional Levels of Care Guidelines and the functional eligibility logic in the CLTS functional screen is inconsistent with state and federal regulations and the federal CLTS Waiver Program application renewal.

Current criteria for the ICF/IID Level of Care

A child may be assigned this level of care if the child meets **all three** of the criteria listed below for Developmental Disability. The criteria are:

- 1. The child has a diagnosis of a Cognitive Disability that substantially impairs learning and that is expected to continue indefinitely; AND
- 2. The child demonstrates Substantial Functional Limitations when compared to age-appropriate activities that are expected to last a year or longer; AND
- 3. The child has the Need for Active Treatment.

Revised criteria for the ICF/IID level of care

A child may be assigned this level of care if the child meets **all three** of the criteria listed below for Developmental Disability. The criteria are:

- 1. The child has a diagnosis of a Cognitive Disability **or a related condition** (42 CFR 435.1010; Wis. Admin. Code DHS 134.13(9)(c)); AND
- 2. The child demonstrates Substantial Functional Limitations in **three or more** of the following areas: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, social competency, mobility, self-direction, or capacity for independent living (age-appropriate) that are expected to last a year or longer; AND
- 3. The child has the Need for Active Treatment.

The CLTS FS algorithm has been updated to align with the ICF/IID regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming CLTS FS changes, please contact the functional screen team at DHSCLTSFS@wisconsin.gov.