



Welcome to MFEI

Introduction to the Medicaid Functional Eligibility
Instrument



IDD Waiver Program Modernization

- Background
 - In 2015 KDADS and stakeholders were asked to review multiple assessment tools to replace BASIS
 - In 2017 the committee selected the InterRAI (referred to as MFEI), but due to a barrier in matching the algorithm to support the tier system, KDADS decide not to implement the assessment at that time
 - A Legislative I/DD Modernization Committee was formed to identify what was needed to modernize the IDD Waiver in late 2022



IDD Waiver Program Modernization continued

- A key recommendation from the IDD Modernization Committee was to change the existing assessment from a deficit based to a strengths-based assessment
- In 2024, KDADS has decided to move forward with implementation of the InterRAI assessment and modify reimbursement and implement floor rate system



What is MFEI

- MFEI stands for the Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument. This is the new functional assessment that is going to replace the BASIS assessment
- Some MFEI questions will be much different than the BASIS questions, but some will be the same
- The MFEI is still completed by CDDOs and input into the state's system for scoring



Differences Between BASIS and MFEI

- Length of assessment: MFEI is much longer than the BASIS and the meeting will take longer
 - BASIS we scheduled for 1 hour, but frequently took much less time
 - MFEI we will schedule for 2 hours, and anticipate it will take at least 1hour 45 minutes to complete
- Questions on the MFEI will be different
 - Some questions are the same as the BASIS, but many are not
 - For example, we will ask how much support the individual needs to brush their teeth, but we will also have to ask if their condition impacts their ability to brush their teeth.
 - Behavior questions will be a 3 day look back, and also a second question asking what kind of support was needed to prevent the behavior.



Differences Between BASIS and MFEI continued

- Documentation requirements are different for MFEI
 - No longer need behavior data tracking
 - We will need seizure tracking and any seizures more than once a month must be signed off on by a doctor as occurring that frequently
 - We will need the following items signed off on by a doctor:
 - Type of seizure(s)
 - Medications and purpose for those medications
 - Documentation from hospital, MCO or incident report for inpatient hospitalization
 - Documentation of specific reason person misses regular activities
 - Doctor order for any special healthcare procedures
 - Doctor signed order for special dietary requirements and any food allergies



When Will Changes Occur?

- The MFEI is scheduled to go into effect on March 1, 2025
- Until the MFEI starts, we will continue to use the BASIS assessment
- **PLANS CAN AND DO CHANGE SOMETIMES!**
 - We will update our website and send out emails to the Community Council listserv with any updates.



Miscellaneous

- Assessments will be scheduled virtually via Zoom, but can be done in person if needed
 - Guardians/Individuals can tell their assessor or case manager if they want their appointment in person
- Please keep in mind these assessment meetings will be long.
 - Be sure you come to the meeting comfortable and ready to meet. Keep distractions at a minimum so we can go as quickly as possible.
 - Consider the individual's comfort and if they will need any special considerations due to the length of the meeting
 - The individual will not need to stay at the meeting the full time, and can leave after a short period to answer the assessor's questions for them specifically



IDD Waiver Program Modernization

- Introduction of a calculated Floor Rate
 - Existing IDD Waiver Participants, the previous BASIS tier rates will be frozen until July 1, 2026. This allows KDADS and Stakeholders time to study and refine appropriate rates.
 - New individuals January 1, 2025 will fall under the new floor rate for residential and day services.
 - We currently do not know what the rate is, but you may hear from provider network concerns about moving to floor rate system.
- How does this impact the services I currently receive?
 - Your services should not change. Providers will continue to meet your needs as outlined in Person Centered Support Plan and your Individualized Service Plan.



Q & A

- What questions do you have?
- Encourage you to visit KDADS website on IDD Waiver Modernization at : [/IDD Waiver Program Modernization | Department for Aging and Disability Services \(ks.gov\)](https://www.kdads.org/IDD-Waiver-Program-Modernization)



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