

# Supports Intensity Scale- Adults Sample Analysis

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# Goals of Payment Reform

## Goals of Payment Reform:

- Easy to understand and talk about
- People get the supports they need
- Everyone can get the same supports no matter where they live
- The State can show what services are happening and how money gets spent.
- Pay providers fair rates for their services

# Agenda for Today

## Goals for This Meeting:

- Understand the SIS-A sample analysis- please ask questions!
- Talk about the number of levels of support that we need in VT.
- Get feedback about the levels of support so DAIL can make a decision.
- Discuss the best words to describe the different levels of support.

## Reminder:

- The SIS-A will not decide services. That is a decision for the individual, family/guardian, and staff.
- If anyone has a cut to their budget or services under a new payment model, there will be a way to ask for an exception. You can always appeal a decision.

# Things to Talk About Later

There are important things we will talk about in the future, but not today:

Topics for Future Meetings:

- Make sure the 1st and 2nd editions of the SIS-A are similar.
- Talk about how Supplemental Questions and Context get added.
- Choose words to describe the different levels of support. Talk about the things that people have in common in each level of support.
- Talk about a new budget model. This will also include Conflict of Interest rules.
- Look at how new and current people get Developmental Services. Add the SIS A into the process. Update how budgets get created. Talk about how to ask for an exception. This will also include Conflict of Interest rules.

# Important Pieces of Payment Reform

## Independent Assessment of Need

How are individual needs assessed? How do we include other needs with the assessment?

What we are talking about today

## Resource Allocation

How do needs turn into services and funding?

## Service Planning and Delivery

How is the service plan developed, used, and checked?

## Payment Model

How does the state pay for services?

## Accountability

How does the state track the services provided and money spent?

# What Does the SIS-A Ask?

## SIS-A 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Sections:

### Section 1: Exceptional Medical and Behavioral Support Needs

- Asks questions about extra support needed for medical and behavioral needs.
- There are 18 questions for medical support needs.
- There are 12 questions for behavioral support needs.

### Section 2: Support Needs Index

Asks about needs for 57 different life activities using three measures:

- *Frequency* – how often you need the support
- *Amount* – how much time it takes to get the support
- *Type* – the kind of support you need

#### ***The Support Needs Index contains six subsections:***

- Home Living Activities
- Community Living Activities
- Lifelong Learning Activities
- Employment Activities
- Health and Safety
- Social Activities

### Section 3: Supplemental Protection and Advocacy Scale

- Asks about activities an individual can do to protect and advocate for themselves.

# Sample Analysis

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