

Your SIS-A® and PA Supplement Assessment

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) uses the Supports Intensity Scale-Adult (SIS-A) and PA Supplement as their standardized needs assessment tool designed to measure the pattern and intensity of supports that a person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability requires to be successful in community settings. The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) is the creator of the SIS-A assessment tool.

The SIS-A is designed to be used for individuals ages 16-84. However, ODP, with permission from AAIDD, selected to use the tool for individuals 14 and older. Assessments are administered initially upon enrollment and then once every five years. In the event of a significant life change, an assessment can be completed upon ODP approval. Topics included in the SIS-A include home living, community living, health and safety, lifelong learning, work activities, social activities, advocacy activities and exceptional medical and behavioral support needs.

The SIS-A is a strength-based standardized norm-referenced assessment, and the completion of all assessment items is required. The foundation for standard scores is a comparison of a person's complete assessment with a norming sample of other complete assessments. If any item on the standardized portion of the scale is skipped, standard scores cannot be produced.

The PA Supplement is a separate set of 10 questions developed by ODP and 5 additional questions developed by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), commonly known as the "Oregon questions". The PA Supplement is administered with the SIS-A to provide supplemental information relative to vision, hearing, ambulation, communication, safety needs and information regarding the use and/or need for assistive technology. In addition, the PA Supplement also considers information regarding the need for extensive medical and/or behavioral supports.

Acentra Health's team of certified Assessors are located across the state of Pennsylvania and are trained by AAIDD to administer the SIS-A. They have several years of experience working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and are required to complete quality assurance training and testing to ensure statewide consistency.

You are receiving this information because you are identified as a respondent. Your role as a respondent is to accurately describe the support that the individual needs and indicate those items that are important to and for they/them to the best of your ability. Your participation in keeping the assessment as scheduled and providing accurate information is essential. Unless previous consent has been obtained by ODP, Acentra Health and all involved parties, the audio and/or video recording of the SIS-A assessment is not permitted.

After the SIS-A and PA Supplement are finalized, a copy of the assessment report will be available in ODP's Home and Community Information Support System (HCSIS). For people not having access to HCSIS, the Supports Coordinator can provide a copy for distribution.

More information on the SIS-A tool can be found on AAIDD's website at the following location: www.AAIDD.org/SIS.

More information on ODP's SIS-A and the PA Supplement process can be found on can be found at <https://home.myodp.org/resources/sis-a/>.

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