

SIS Needs Level Overview

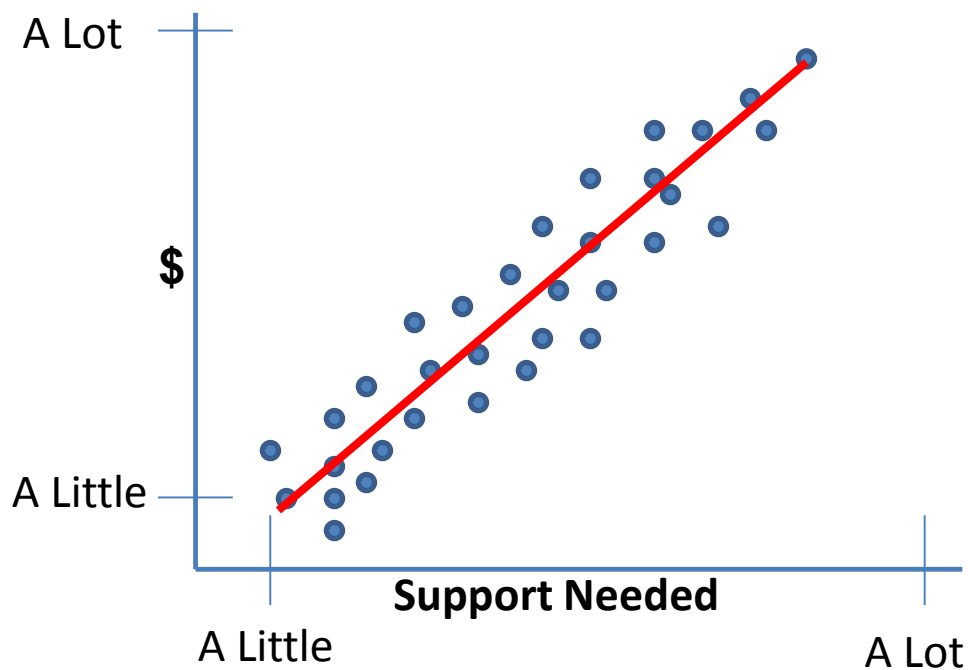
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- **Big Picture**
 - Equitably distribute scarce resources
 - Better align expenditures and needs
 - Provide greater flexibility and predictability
- **Actions to date**
 - Needs Assessments/Re-assessments
 - Fee Schedule Residential Rates effective 1/1/18
 - Exception Process
- **Next Steps**
 - What if I disagree with Needs Level?
 - What if I have a significant life change?

How Spending Should Align With Support Needs



Source: Human Services Research Institute

- ODP has been using the SIS to measure the needs of waiver participants since 2008
- In order to align the residential fee schedule with the needs of individuals, ODP will incorporate SIS results as criteria to consider when establishing payment levels
- SIS is designed to identify the support needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- SIS is a nationally normed tool that measures support needs in 85 life activities, as well as medical and behavioral needs
- ASCEND administers the SIS for ODP to allow for a conflict-free assessment of need

- Clarify Roles
 - Ascend – Conduct SIS
 - ODP – Assign Needs Levels
- How is Needs Level Assigned?
 - Individual Section Scales/Scores which have been shown statistically to have greatest impact on cost
 - Home Living Activities, Community Living Activities, Health and Safety Activities
 - Exceptional Medical and/or Behavioral Support Needs
 - PA Supplemental questions relative to significant medical/behavioral issues
- Algorithm applied consistently across the state
 - Maintain integrity of process

- Research conducted by HSRI has led to seven levels of support needs for individuals with I/DD
- Seven levels of need recognizes differences in assessment results, but is often consolidated when used for fee development:
 - Required staff and support time are similar across levels such that levels can be combined for fee development purposes
- The following charts illustrate the SIS levels and groups for ODP's residential group home participants

Programmatic Description of the Proposed Standard Seven Levels

SIS Level	SIS Group	Description
1	1	Individuals in this level have largely mild support need and little to no support for medical or behavioral conditions. They can manage many aspects of their lives independently or with monitoring and prompting rather than physical assistance. This includes activities like bathing, dressing and eating, as well as activities such as shopping or accessing the community.
2	2	Individuals in this level have modest to moderate support needs and little to no support for medical or behavioral conditions. Although they need more support than those in Level 1, their support needs are minimal in a number of life areas.
3	3	Individuals in this level have low to moderate support needs, but they also have significant support needs due to moderate behavioral conditions.
4	3	Individuals in this level have moderate to high support needs, requiring more frequent support that may include physical assistance in several daily life activities, with low to moderate behavioral conditions.
5	4	Individuals in this level have the most significant support needs, generally requiring frequent physical assistance in numerous daily life activities.
6	4	Individuals in this level have exceptional medical conditions that result in the need for enhanced support (in terms of the amount or specialization).
7	4	Individuals in this level have exceptional behavioral challenges that result in the need for enhanced support (in terms of the amount or specialization).

Adapted from research and materials produced by the Human Services Research Institute using results from the SIS, owned by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. In addition to the levels described above ODP will consider an exception process.

Current Needs Level Summary

All Consumers (10/31/17)				Residential Consumers (10/31/17)				Residential Consumers (8/29/16)			
Needs Level	Percent	Needs Group	Percent	Needs Level	Percent	Needs Group	Percent	Needs Level	Percent	Needs Group	Percent
1	38.3%	1	38.3%	1	17.0%	1	17.0%	1	22.8%	1	22.8%
2	28.2%	2	28.2%	2	31.5%	2	31.5%	2	30.7%	2	30.7%
3	3.1%	3	22.5%	3	5.0%	3	33.5%	3	6.1%	3	38.2%
4	19.4%			4	28.5%			4	32.1%		
5	1.3%	4	10.9%	5	1.1%	4	18.0%	5	1.4%	4	8.3%
6	3.5%			6	3.4%			6	2.8%		
7	6.1%			7	13.5%			7	4.1%		

- Implementation 1/1/18
- Continue to refine
- Remember, not all changes to Needs Levels are increases
- Questions???