



Development of a Draft Universal Assessment for California's Home- and Community-Based Services

Decisions Made by the Advisory Team and Stakeholders thus far:

1. The goal is to design a person-centered instrument and process that will provide core information to drive coordinated care management, the creation of a care plan and recommended services.
2. Person-centered refers to an approach that reflects the individual's goals, strengths, needs and preferences.
3. The Universal Assessment is being designed to inform care planning. We acknowledge that every program does some form of care planning already.
4. The Universal Assessment should not adversely impact the services of current recipients.
5. The Universal Assessment creates a core set of items for assessing long-term services and supports (LTSS) needs.
6. The Universal Assessment development and piloting is limited to the age 21 and over population within the three HCBS programs identified in statute, i.e. In Home Supportive Services (IHSS); Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP); and Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS). In the future, the core items could be considered for use along with supplemental modules in other California programs.
7. The core assessment for state testing will include the best California-specific items and supplemental and/or potential replacement items.
8. Supplement and replacement items to be tested will be drawn from other state/federal assessments or scientific literature.
9. The draft Universal Assessment tool will be pre-tested prior to the larger piloting of the tool in two CCI counties.
10. Medi-Cal financial eligibility is assessed outside of the Universal Assessment.