

# Health Risk Screening Tool Implementation

## ODP Announcement 19-052

### AUDIENCE:

All interested parties

### PURPOSE:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) announces the implementation of the Health Risk Screening Tool

### DISCUSSION:

ODP is implementing the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) over a one-year period for individuals being served in licensed residential settings. A 12-minute video is available at the following link and provides an introductory overview of the HRST:

<https://hrstonline.com/video/index.php?id=223541240>

**Included with this Communication is a HRST Protocol explaining the implementation process.**

It is ODP's expectation that implementation of the HRST will be beneficial to the individuals receiving services in licensed residential settings and will enhance the provider agencies' ability to provide support. HRST is expected to assist in creating service implementation strategies and coordinating Medicaid State Plan Services to address assessed health care needs in conjunction with what is both "important to" and "important for" the individuals you serve. Awareness and management of health risk promotes improved quality of life and enhanced community integration for individuals.

Each member of an individual's team has an important role to play in this process. The HRST will be made available by Regional **Health Care Quality Units (HCQUs)**. **Providers** will identify staff who will be trained as *HRST Raters* and registered nurses who will be trained as *HRST Clinical Reviewers*. The attached protocol describes this in more depth. **Supports Coordinators** will be working with teams, reviewing available HRST information,

and facilitating planning as needed. **Administrative Entities and ODP Regional staff** will integrate the HRST into risk and quality management activities.

**Training:**

There will be 4 sessions of training available to all interested parties, with the schedule as follows:

Session No	Date & Time	Duration	Audience
1	May 23, 2pm	approx. 90 mins	Stakeholders referenced in the PA HRST protocol, all interested parties
2	May 24, 2pm	approx. 90 mins	Stakeholders referenced in the PA JRST protocol, all interested parties
3	June 13, 2pm	approx. 90 mins	Stakeholders referenced in the PA HRST protocol, all interested parties
4	June 20, 2pm	approx. 90 mins	Stakeholders referenced in the PA HRST protocol, all interested parties

Each session will include the following material:

1. Orientation to the Health Risk Screening Tool
2. Use of the Health Risk Screening Tool in Pennsylvania
3. Upcoming Rollout Steps
4. Questions and Answers

To register for one of the 4 sessions listed above, please use the following link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7547529797423799564>

For individuals that are unavailable to participate in one of the listed sessions, ODP plans to post a recorded session to MyODP.

**Residential Provider Specific Training:**

In preparation, provider agencies should identify staff who will become raters and RNs who will provide the Clinical Reviews. HRST raters do not need to have a medical background to serve in this role.

Residential providers will be contacted by Regional HCQUs and HRS, Inc with information on how to enroll in the required Online Rater Training that both HRST Raters and Clinical Reviewers must complete. The Online Rater Training takes 4-5 hours to complete and may

be stopped and started as time allows. ODP expects that all Raters will have completed the Online Rater Training by **July 31, 2019**.

Once the training is completed, HRST will email information to establish user name and password enabling access to the HRST application. The trained raters will then be able to begin using the HRST following the guidance as described in the attached protocol. Later, HRST will use this same contact information to contact the RNs to arrange the training necessary to complete Clinical Reviews.

Included with this communication is a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** for the Health Risk Screening Tool and process.

Thank you for your efforts in this process toward enhancing the lives and optimizing the health and wellness of the individuals supported in residential services.

For any specific questions regarding the HRST, please contact [RA-PWHRST@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWHRST@pa.gov).