

Supports Intensity Scale-Adult® 2nd Edition (SIS-A® 2nd ed) & Kepro Name Change/Rebrand

ODP ANNOUNCEMENT 23-059

AUDIENCE:

All Stakeholders

PURPOSE:

This communication is intended to introduce the SIS-A® 2nd ed. and the Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) plan to transition from the SIS-A 1st ed. to the SIS-A 2nd ed. in early 2024. This announcement will also serve as notice that Kepro, the chosen Vendor to administer the SIS-A and the PA Supplement, has rebranded as Acentra Health.

DISCUSSION:

The Supports Intensity Scale was first published in 2004. All standardized norm-referenced assessments must be periodically re-normed to make sure that a person's scores are compared against those of a group of their present-day peers. The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) is constantly analyzing the ongoing benefits, quality, and integrity of the SIS-A and has recently completed a multi-year project resulting in the publication of the SIS-A 2nd ed. Along with updated norms, the following enhancements were made:

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Supporting Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities and their families to achieve greater independence, choice, and opportunity in their lives.

- New items added to the exceptional support needs section.
- The supplemental *Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Activities* scale is renamed *Advocacy Activities* scale to better reflect the agency of the individual assessed.
- The *Advocacy Activities* scale is now incorporated into the SIS-A as a normed scale.
- The *Employment Activities* scale is renamed *Work Activities*.
- The reorganization of some sections, scales, and items makes the interview more efficient and flows more smoothly.
- Minor edits in the wording and phrasing of headings and instructions.

Both editions accurately measure the support needs of adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and take roughly the same amount of time to administer; however, AAIDD will only support both editions until June 2024, or until all jurisdictions have transitioned.

ODP is planning to transition to the SIS-A 2nd ed. in early 2024. More information on transition efforts will be shared in the near future. Additional information on the SIS-A 2nd edition can be found at [SIS-A 2nd edition \(www.aaidd.org\)](http://www.aaidd.org).

Additionally, on June 6th, 2023 Kepro announced its name change and rebranding to Acentra Health. This announcement follows a merger with Kepro and CNSI, a provider of technology-enabled care management, which was completed in December 2022. There will be no interruption in the services offered. The scheduling website, Kepro SAM, as

well as all emails and phone numbers, will remain unchanged for the duration of their contract with the Commonwealth.

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