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## Assessment Capacity Bridge Plan

Effective immediately, the Division has implemented several interim strategies in an effort to meet current and projected assessment needs. These interim strategies included in a bridge plan will leverage partnerships in order to expand and enhance assessment related efforts. Intake Specialists, Information Specialists, Support Coordinators, and Targeted Case Management entities may utilize the short-term flexibilities outlined within the [Assessment Capacity Bridge Plan](#) until further notice.

### High Level Overview:

- Any adaptive functioning assessment that is standardized, comprehensive, norm-referenced, psychometrically-sound, and completed within the last \*three (3) years may be utilized for:
  - Establishing initial eligibility at the point of Intake
  - Initial entry into Partnership for Hope Waiver or Community Waiver
  - All non-residential Level of Care (LOC) Renewals
- Targeted Case Management (TCM) entities may complete the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales assessment for non-residential LOC Renewals.
- Another Missouri Adaptive Ability Scale (MAAS) assessment will not be required to change waivers when a valid assessment is available, unless the request is for Comprehensive Waiver.
- A default Priority of Need (PON) of one (1) will be utilized for initial waiver requests whose eligibility was determined using an alternative to the MAAS (excluding the Comprehensive and Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities [MOCDD] waivers) OR when there is a request to change waivers (excluding Comprehensive).
- A default PON of five (5) will be utilized when an individual is aging out of the MOCDD waiver or Children's Division Inter-Departmental Agreement (IDA).

*\* The CMS Appendix K flexibility that allows a timeframe extension of up to one year for assessment/evaluations remains active until November 11, 2023. Until then, assessments are considered valid for up to three years. After November 11, 2023, assessments will revert to being valid for up to two years.*

For full details, please review the [Assessment Capacity Bridge Plan](#) section on the [webpage](#). Questions regarding the information outlined within this blast and corresponding documents should be directed to [DMH.DD.MAAS@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:DMH.DD.MAAS@dmh.mo.gov).