



## **FACT SHEET: Iowa's Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Implementation of Core Standardized Assessment (CSA)**

- **July 2012:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded Iowa with a BIP grant to assist the state in balancing the spending on long term supports and services between institutional and community settings. Under this grant Iowa receives an enhanced federal match rate of two percent for providing non-institutional long term services and supports.
- **May 1, 2014:** As part of the BIP, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) completed the process of selecting a vendor to administer core standardized assessments to persons seeking long term services and supports. Telligen, Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa was the successful bidder.
- **May 2, 2014:** Telligen began work implementing core standardized assessments for all of Iowa's populations seeking home and community based services or services in intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disability (ICF/ID). A core standardized assessment evaluates responses to a standard set of questions about basic functional skills and abilities. Assessment tools are designed to identify the strengths and support needs of the individual and take into account the opinions of the individual, as well as the person's family or caregivers.
- **June 2013:** Senate File 446, the 2013 Health and Human Services Appropriations bill directed DHS to perform the Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS) as an assessment of persons seeking intellectual disability related services either in a facility or in the community. This will be the first type of core standardized assessment implemented and will begin on August 1, 2014.
- **July 2014 - April 2015:** The IME will decide with stakeholder input which assessments will be selected for the remaining waiver populations: AIDS/HIV, Brain Injury, Elderly, Health and Disability and Physical Disability.
- **June 2014:** The IME, Mental Health and Disability Services, case management programs, ICF/IDs, provider organizations and Telligen are collaborating to design a stakeholder engagement and information process. Participation from members, providers and advocacy groups representing each population will be sought.

- **July 2014:** Plans include listening sessions for each population (Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury, Disability and Elderly) to receive input from stakeholders. Webinars with live local audiences will be offered with one webinar for each population recorded for later viewing. Content will include overviews of assessments under consideration and feedback from stakeholders. Information about the webinars and the recorded webinars will be posted on the CSA section of the [BIP website](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- **July 2014:** Key advocacy groups will be contacted regarding opportunities for presentations to their constituents. They will also be invited to listening sessions where they will have an opportunity to provide their ideas and thoughts.
- **July 2014 - May 2015:** After selection is made of a standardized assessment for each population, learning sessions with training will be developed and scheduled. Again, webinars with live local audiences will be offered with one webinar on each topic recorded for later viewing. Content will include introduction to the assessment and any needed training for Agency and community providers who will be partners in this effort.
- **Ongoing throughout 2015:** Additional listening sessions with population stakeholders are planned to continue the engagement and feedback collection after implementation of each assessment. Opportunity for feedback will also be provided through the toll free number 877-563-6972 or an email address, [DHSCoreStandardizedAssessments@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:DHSCoreStandardizedAssessments@dhs.state.ia.us).
- Below is a list of the various timelines for implementation of the CSA. Follow each link to see its corresponding timeline.
  - [Intellectual Disability \(ID\) / Support Intensity Scale \(SIS\) Timeline](#)<sup>2</sup>
  - [High-Level Timeline for All Populations](#)<sup>3</sup>
  - [Brain Injury \(BI\) Engagement/Implementation Timeline](#)<sup>4</sup>
  - [Disability Engagement/Implementation Timeline](#)<sup>5</sup>
  - [Elderly Engagement/Implementation Timeline](#)<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/BIPP/CSA>

<sup>2</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/ID%20-%20SIS%20Engagement%20Timeline.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/All%20Populations%20Milestone%20Timeline.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/BI%20Engagement%20Timeline.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Disability%20Engagement%20Timeline.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Elderly%20Engagement%20Timeline.pdf>