

COVID-19 Guidance

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Level of Care Assessments

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to encourage social distancing and stop the spread of the pandemic, KDADS asks providers and participants to limit participation in congregate settings or activities. As such, KDADS will allow Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) the following flexibility with level of care (LOC) assessments.

1. The requirement to conduct the following assessments face to face has been waived.
 - a. Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
 - b. Physical Disability waiver
 - c. Frail Elderly waiver
 - d. Brain Injury waiver
 - e. Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI)
 - f. Abbreviated Uniform Assessment Instrument (AUAI)
 - g. Functional Assessment Instrument (FAI),
 - h. Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument (MFEI),
 - i. Uniform Program Registration (UPR)
 - j. Caregiver Assessment Plan (CAP)

2. Assessments may be completed using telecommunications (phone), televideo consultations/telemedicine or telehealth services methods that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
Such a process must provide interactive audio or video communications, permitting real-time contact between a distant provider, who is present and participating in the visit, and the individual receiving an appointment.

3. The criteria to secure customer signatures or customer's guardian signatures for UAI, AUAI and UPR assessments are waived. Please see below the specific assessments:
 - a. [Customer or guardian signature on the UAI – Page 10 – Plan of Care/Support Services.](#)
Verbal consent will be accepted.
 - b. [Customer or guardian signature on the AUAI – Page 3 – Nutrition/Abbreviated UAI Service Plan.](#) Verbal consent will be accepted.

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- c. Customer or guardian signature on the UPR is waived if the form is being completed by agency or provider staff. Verbal consent will be accepted.

"Exceptions granted in this guidance shall be in place until a policy rescinding them is released." All guidance pertaining to the UAI, AUAI, FAI, UPR, and CAP will remain in effective until rescinded.

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