

Name of Policy:	Use of IQ and Adaptive Functioning Testing to Diagnose Intellectual Disabilities
Policy Number:	CM-009
Contracts:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All counties <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Area <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin / Fulton
Primary Stakeholder:	Physician/Psychologist Advisors
Related Stakeholder(s):	All Departments
Applies to:	Associates
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Policy: PerformCare will authorize requested psychological testing, which includes standardized intelligence tests to assist in diagnosing Intellectual Disabilities, following review and approval by a PerformCare PA, only in those circumstances in which an individual has not had previous testing or when records of past testing do not accurately reflect the individual’s current abilities.

Purpose: To provide clarification about the use of intelligence quotient and adaptive functioning tests as tools for diagnosing Intellectual Disabilities.

Definitions: None

Acronyms: **PA:** Physician/ Psychologist Advisor

MSS: Member Services Specialists

IQ: Intelligence Quotient

- Procedure:**
1. Providers, on behalf of a Member, should submit requests for standardized intelligence tests as part of a psychological evaluation on the appropriate PerformCare form.
 2. This request is forwarded to a Physician/Psychologist Advisor (PA).
 3. The PA reviews the reason for the request and the tests being requested. Such testing shall be administered and interpreted only by a licensed psychologist or by a psychologist in preparation for licensure under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist.
 4. Determination and re-determination of Intellectual Disabilities Waiver eligibility are not the responsibility of PerformCare.

PerformCare's responsibility is limited to funding standardized intelligence tests in those rare circumstances in which an individual has not had previous testing or when records of past testing do not accurately reflect the individual's current abilities. Adaptive functioning tests will not be authorized, as they are the responsibility of the County Intellectual Disabilities - Office. HealthChoices is not intended to supplant services when there is adequate testing or testing records from the Department of Education, or available as services that are performed by the County Intellectual Disabilities Office.

5. The standard approval/denial process is followed per *CM-013 Approval/ Denial Process and Notification*.
6. Requests for payment of intellectual testing to determine school placement, other primarily educational referral questions, or determination of competency as a caregiver will not be approved, as this is also not a covered benefit. The Family and/or requestor will be referred to their school district for this type of testing.

Related Policies: *CM-013 Approval/ Denial Process and Notification*
QI-042 6-Criteria Complaint
QI-043 Dissatisfaction Complaint
QI-044 Grievance


Related Reports: None

Source Documents and References: *OMHSAS Policy Clarification #03-03, 8/20/03*
OMHSAS Policy Clarification #02-04, 01/04
MR Bulletin #00-99-14
§42 CFR.483.430

Superseded Policies and/or Procedures: None

Attachments: [*Attachment 1 Psychological and Neuro-Psychological Testing Request Form*](#)

Approved by:



Primary Stakeholder