



Your SIS-A™ and PA Supplement Assessment

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) uses the Supports Intensity Scale-Adult (SIS-A™) and PA Supplement as their standardized needs assessment tool designed to measure the pattern and intensity of supports that a person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability requires to be successful in community settings. The SIS-A™ assessment tool was created by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD).

The SIS-A™ is designed to be used for individuals ages 16-72 however, ODP, with permission from AAIDD, selected to use the tool for individuals as young as 14 and older than 72 years of age. Assessments are administered initially upon waiver enrollment and then once every five years. In the event of a significant life change, an assessment can be completed upon ODP approval. Topics included in the SIS-A™ include home living, community living, lifelong learning, employment, health and safety, social activities, protection and advocacy and exceptional medical and behavioral support needs.

The PA Supplement is a separate set of ten questions developed by ODP and five additional questions developed by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) for use in Oregon and Hawaii, commonly known as the "Oregon questions". The PA Supplement is administered with the SIS-A™ to provide supplemental information relative to vision, hearing, ambulation, communication, safety needs and information regarding the use and/or need for assistive technology. In addition, the PA Supplement also considers information regarding the need for extensive medical and/or behavioral supports.

KEPRO's team of certified Assessors are located across the state of Pennsylvania and are trained by AAIDD to administer the SIS-A™. They have several years of experience working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and are required to complete quality assurance training and testing to ensure statewide consistency.

After the SIS-A™ and PA Supplement is finalized, a copy of the assessment report will be available in ODP's Home and Community Information Support System (HCSIS). For those who do not have access to HCSIS, the Supports Coordinator can provide a copy for distribution.

More information on the SIS-A™ tool can be found on AAIDD's website at the following location:

www.AAIDD.org/SIS

More information on ODP's SIS-A and the PA Supplement process can be found on can be found at

www.MyODP.org.

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