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CAS: Coordinated Assessment System

It's all about you



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You are at the center of the new Coordinated Assessment System (CAS)



What is the Coordinated Assessment System?

The CAS is a conversation that gathers information about your strengths, needs, and interests to help your Medicaid Service Coordinator (MSC) or care planner to create a plan that is right for you. The CAS is designed to ensure that you are at the center of the planning process.

How Does the CAS Work?

During the conversation, an assessor will talk to you about all aspects of your life: your interests, your living skills, your health and existing support systems. It starts with you, but also includes a conversation with someone that knows you well, such as a person in your circle of support, family members, friends and/or the people who

already provide you supports. Finally, the assessor will look at your past information to make sure that he/she has included everything needed to complete the CAS. Once the CAS is done, this information will be available to your MSC or care planner, who will share the information with you so that you can begin, or continue, your person-centered planning process.

How will the CAS help me get the right services?

The information you share will help your MSC or care planner develop a person-centered plan that will guide service providers to deliver supports right for you. It's important that you, your family, friends and support staff describe what you want and need so that OPWDD can provide quality supports and services for you and your family.

If I am already receiving services, do I need to have an assessment?

Everyone receiving services from OPWDD will eventually take part in the CAS. The information from the CAS will be used in the person-centered planning process and will help to ensure that your services match your needs and interests.

How do I get started?

You will receive a letter to let you know that you will be contacted by an assessor to complete the CAS. The assessor will then call you to schedule a discussion and will ask your MSC or care planner to make sure that anyone else that you may want at the discussion, like family members or friends, are included. If you are new and do not have an MSC or care planner, the assessor will work with you, your family, supports or friends to make sure all the right people are at the interview.



How can I be sure that the CAS will work for me?

The CAS has been tested and validated for accuracy.



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