

Did you Know?

SC/PA Annual ONA Guidance May 2020

The following is being provided with the intent of increasing accuracy and consistency throughout the state. The Covid-19 Related information is a repeat from last month with clarifications.

COVID-19 Related Information

- All three parts of the annual assessment are still required to be completed however due to the Covid-19 emergency; you are now allowed to conduct the face-to-face requirement through use of a telehealth method.
 - For critical assessments, you may request an exception to the face-to-face requirement when Covid-19 restrictions prevent you from completing the face-to-face requirement. (*see transmittal APD-PT-20-043*).
- In the event the Covid-19 emergency presents barriers to completing the Annual Assessment, ODDS will be extending the expiration dates for up to 12 months.
 - You do not need to submit a request for the extension, all ONAs that are not completed during this time will automatically be extended 12 months. The expiration date displayed on eXPRS will not reflect this extension. (*see transmittal APD-PT-20-043*)

General SC/PA Annual ONA Guidance

- Always update the “Date of Assessment Interview” The tool auto populates this field with the date of the *original* ONA interview. It’s important that you enter the date of the current interview. The date of interview is used to calculate the individual’s age which enables the skip patterns throughout the assessment.
- All assessments for children ages 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 15, & 18 must be completed by a Certified Assessor, including their initial assessment.
 - ONAs that were skipped this year due to the Covid-19 virus, for individual’s in these age groups will need to be conducted by a certified assessor next year.
- All copies of the ONA provided to others should be provided by the CME.

If you have questions regarding this information, or suggestions for future topics please contact:

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- The Next SC/PA Annual Assessment Training Webinar will be on June 10th – Registration is through iLearn.

