

Did you Know?

SC/PA Annual ONA Guidance June 2020

The following is being provided with the intent of increasing accuracy and consistency throughout the state. The Covid-19 Related information has not changed.

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. (*Developmental Disabilities Worker Guide, page 10*).
- 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. (*Developmental Disabilities Worker Guide, page 10*).
- If an individual has an existing ONA in place with an approved LOC, the ONA (*and LOC*) will automatically be extended for 12 months.
- The only assessments that are necessary to be completed during this time are those considered *critical*:
 - Critical Assessments:
 - New to service ONA to establish initial LOC
 - Requested by the individual or their representative.

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. You must change this date.
- Refer to the manual guidance when determining if the current coding of an item is an accurate reflection of the individual’s current need. If you believe changes have occurred, refer the assessment to a certified ONA assessor but resist the urge to make coding recommendations to the assessors.

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

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- Upcoming SC/PA Annual Assessment Training Webinars (registration through iLearn):
July 6th and August 11th

