



	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Capability Assessment	Policy # 1.4
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To identify the capabilities of applicants through the use of standardized assessment tool(s) to identify the level of supports required.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Activities of Daily Living (ADLs):** daily self-care activities within an applicant’s place of residence, in outdoor environments, or both
- 2.2 **Applicant:** a person who applies for AccessAbility Supports (AAS), on whose behalf an application is made, or a person who receives AAS.
- 2.3 **Assured Income:** a component of AAS that provides monthly financial supports to eligible applicants with disabilities to use towards securing their basic needs without reference to any level of disability need.
- 2.4 **Capability:** the ability of an individual to independently perform ADLs and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs).
- 2.5 **Capability Assessment:** a systematic process for determining strengths and identifying potential support needs for applicants with a disability.
- 2.6 **Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs):** activities that are related to independent living and require more complex thinking and organizational skills.
- 2.7 **Non-funded supports:** supports available through AAS that do not require funding.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 AAS shall be provided to eligible applicants for the purpose of reducing an unmet need that is directly related to the applicant’s disability.
- 3.2 Applicants applying for disability specific supports must have an assessment completed by an AAS Clinical Assessor to assess the applicant’s capabilities and level of support needs.
- 3.3 The ability to perform ADLs and IADLs is the measurement used to determine an applicant’s capabilities, and supports that may be required.

The results of the capability assessment are required to:

- Highlight applicant's strengths, supports, and abilities which are used by the AAS Coordinator to develop a Collaborative Support Plan;
- Determine the Collaborative Action Plans (CAPS) that guide the AAS Coordinator as they develop the Collaborative Support Plan
- Determine the maximum level of funding in accordance with the InterRAI™ ADL Hierarchy Scale and Funding Level Schedule, that can be utilized towards supports available under AAS.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENT

4.1 The AAS Coordinator will determine if an applicant requires an initial assessment of their capabilities to be completed using information gathered from:

- The applicant and their requests for supports;
- The applicant's family and/or support system;
- Health care professionals regarding the applicant's support needs and/or limitations.

4.2 The AAS Coordinator will determine when the capability assessment will be re-administered using the following parameters:

- When the applicant's circumstances or needs change; including but not limited to, transition points in aging, residential transitions, disability or medical status changes, or new co-morbidities that affect the applicant's disability; or
- Every two years for adults and yearly for children and youth.

4.3 The completion of a capability assessment may not be required where an applicant is only requesting Assured Income or non-funded supports.

4.4 Applicants with audiology reports on hearing loss may be approved for hearing aids without having to complete a capability assessment. Since applicants may benefit from other supports available through AAS, they will be offered and/or can request to complete the capability assessment.

5.0 ATTACHMENTS

InterRAI™ ADL Hierarchy Scale and Funding Level Schedule

HISTORY:

InterRAI™ ADL Hierarchy Scale and Funding Level Schedule

InterRAI™ ADL Hierarchy Scale	Funding Level
Independent	\$0
Supervision	\$400
Limited	\$800
Extensive	\$1200
Maximal	\$1600
Dependent	\$2400
Total Dependence	\$3100