

Support Intensity Scale® (SIS®) Facts

- SIS® was developed by American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) as a standardized assessment tool, specifically designed to measure the pattern & intensity of supports an adult with developmental disabilities needs to be successful.
- SIS® focuses on the needs, not the deficits of an individual.
- Adult SIS® assessments are completed every 3 years.
- Children SIS® assessments are completed every 2 years.
- Ascend Management Innovations has been awarded the contract to complete SIS® assessments in Virginia.
- A SIS® assessment is required for all individuals receiving ID and DD Waivers
- A SIS® assessment identifies what type, intensity and frequency of supports a person will need to be successful. It is not used to determine waiver eligibility.
- SIS® ratings reflect an individual's current support needs.
- SIS® will not replace the Level of Functioning (LOF); the LOF is required by DMAS as the approved assessment tool for waiver eligibility.
- Administration time of the SIS® is most often between 2 – 3 hours.
- A SIS® score is not appealable; only the standard operating procedures can be appealed.