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To: Individuals Receiving DD Waiver Services and their Families and Caregivers

Subject: Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS®)

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The following are important updates about the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) that affect individuals, families, and those supporting individuals who receive Developmental Disability (DD) waivers in Virginia.

Virginia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) recently issued a Request for Proposal for the SIS Vendor contract. DBHDS has selected Public Consulting Group (PCG) as the new SIS Vendor to conduct SIS assessments for the state. The new SIS contract will take effect on October 1, 2024, and PCG will be the sole SIS vendor in the state.

Beginning October 1, 2024, Virginia will transition from the Supports Intensity Scale-Adult (SIS-A) to the SIS-A, 2nd Edition. As a result, Maximus and Telligen will halt SIS-A assessments on September 25, 2024, to give our current SIS vendors time to complete quality assurance and updates for SISOnline. PCG will commence scheduling SIS assessments beginning October 1.

DBHDS has been working with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to explore the impact of moving from SIS-A to SIS-A, 2nd Edition. In their final report, HSRI explains their recommendations as DBHDS moves forward with the updated SIS. Both the [HSRI Plain Language Summary \(https://dbhds.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/HSRI-Plain-Language-Summary-8.2024.pdf\)](https://dbhds.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/HSRI-Plain-Language-Summary-8.2024.pdf) and the [HSRI Final Report \(https://dbhds.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/HSRI-Final-Report-8.31.2024-compressed.pdf\)](https://dbhds.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/HSRI-Final-Report-8.31.2024-compressed.pdf) are available on the DBHDS website.

Information about SIS-A, 2nd Edition can be found at: <https://www.aaid.org/sis/sis-a/sis-a-2nd-edition>. Information specific to Virginia SIS can be found at: <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/waiver-services/>.

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