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SPECIAL PROVIDER DATA QUALITY NEWSLETTER

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GAF Replacement in DDAP

Name

The field that currently appears under Axis V and is known as GAF has been replaced by a new name, **Functional Score**.

Timeline

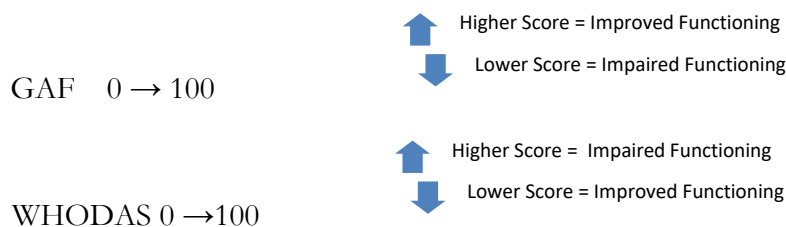
The “Functional Score” field (formerly “GAF”) in DDAP has been updated as of March 1, 2021 to allow for input of an integer plus a decimal point (e.g., 2.1). The Functional Score field will continue to accept whole numbers between 1-100. Providers who do not have a replacement tool identified will have time to identify a replacement tool, train staff and begin entering the new scores. All providers will be expected to use their new tool by July 1, 2021.

Report Cards

The National Outcome Measure called “Improved/Maintained Axis V GAF Score” that appears on the Report Cards will be removed for a period of one year, starting with FY21 Q3. The measure will return in January 2022 for FY22 Q3 with a new name, **Maintained/Improved Functioning Score**. Once the measure returns, it will compare the scores between the last two entries that exist for the client. This score should be updated at a minimum every 6 months.

Data Mapping

Data wrangling is the process of transforming and mapping the data from one “raw” data form into another format with the intent of making it more appropriate and valuable for analytics. A majority of the functional assessments score in the same direction the GAF scored, however, there are a few functional assessments that score in the opposite direction. The logic in DDAP will be maintained in order to reflect a higher score indicating improved functioning and a lower score indicating impaired functioning. If an agency is selecting a tool that scores in the opposite direction of what the GAF did, these are the steps that will need to be followed to enter those scores into DDAP.



In order to make this logic work in DDAP, scores will have to be inverted in the following manner:

1 → 100, 2 → 99, 3 → 98, 4 → 97, and so on.

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