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| **Name:**       | **DDS#:**       | **Date:**       |

An individual’s aquatic activity screening**\*** is effective for one year from the date on this form as part of the IP or for up to three years for an individual with an IP Short Form. Request for any changes or updates to this form shall be made through the Planning and Support Team process.

\*For individuals without an IP and assigned case manager, this form shall be completed by the Helpline Case Manager and the individual’s family when access to aquatic activities at DDS-funded sites or with DDS-funded staff are planned (i.e., camp, respite centers, family support).

**SECTION 1 SCREENING FOR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN AQUATIC ACTIVITIES**

**Definitions:**

1. **“Aquatic Activities”** means all water-related activities including swimming, boating, fishing, hot tubs, water parks and those activities that take place near to water.
2. **“Near To Water”** means aquatic activities at any location where there is a body of water at the intended destination that is open and accessible to individuals. This means that there are no barriers to prevent access such as secure fencing or padlocked gates. Contact with the water may, or may not be intended. Bodies of water include, but are not limited to, streams, creeks, oceans, lakes, ponds, pools, hot tubs, wading pools, or natural or man-made water areas. Near to wateractivities include, but are not limited to, picnics in a park where there is water, feeding ducks at a pond, unrestricted access to backyard wading or swimming pools or hot tubs, or walks on the beach.
3. **“Shallow Water”** means water at or below the height of the individual’s chest.
4. **“Deep Water”** means water above the height of the individual’s chest.

**The Planning and Support Team should assign an Aquatic Activity Code “0” to “6”for the individual Aquatic Activity Code**

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|  | **0** = **Individual does not swim or participate in any aquatic activities.** If coded as “0”, Section 2 should have “NO” checked for all activities listed. |
|  | **1**= **Near to Water Activities Only and Must Be With Staff** Individual participates only in activities near to water. |
|  | **2** = **Shallow Water Only** Individual has limited or no swimming skills and does not respond to verbal redirection and may not recognize dangerous situations. |
|  | **3** = **Shallow Water Only** Individual has limited or no swimming skills but usuallyresponds to verbal redirection and may or may not recognize dangerous situations. |
|  | **4** = **Deep Water Swimmer** Individual can swim in deep water with staff supervision(Comments in Section 2 may define supervision type). |
|  | **5** = **Aquatic Activity Level Not Known.** Individual is approved only for aquatic activities as permitted in Section 2 and must be in a One-to-One enhanced staff-to-individual ratio at all of these activities until aquatic activity code is determined and approved.  |
|  | **6** = **Independently Accesses Aquatic Activities** Individual requiresno supervision for aquatic activities. Do not complete Section 2. |

**SECTION 2 AQUATIC ACTIVITIES - SUPERVISION NEEDS**

**Complete this section for individuals with an Aquatic Activity Code of “0” to “5”only.**

NOTE: If you check off ‘yes’ for any of the activities below, there must be a “staff-to-individual” ratio included. These ratios are for staff to ensure they provide adequate supervision. Safe staff ratios cannot exceed 1 staff to 7 individuals for any of the activities listed. If supervision needs are unknown due to lack of previous participation, the individual must be in a 1:1 staff to individual ratio at all aquatic activities, until a safe appropriate ratio can be determined and approved.

|  **AQUATIC ACTIVITY** | **ABLE TO****PARTICIPATE** | **SUPERVISION NEEDS** | **COMMENTS (arms-length, line of sight, seizures, lifejacket, etc.)** |
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| **Activities Near to Water** |  | #       staff to #       individuals |       |
| **Boating:** follow site directions for life jacket use. |  | #       staff to #       individuals |  |
| **Swimming** |  | #       staff to #       individuals |       |
| **Water Parks** |  | #       staff to #       individuals |       |
| **Hot Tub Use** |  | #       staff to #       individuals |       |