SIS® - Supports Intensity Scale

- Created by AAIDD- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Focuses on supports needed to engage in a wide range of activities as well and as often as others his/her age in the same community.
- Strengths focused instead of deficit focused
- Community inclusion instead of segregated settings
- Completed by certified SIS® assessors who contract with Maximus
Who Needs a SIS® Assessment?

✓ Maximus contracts with TennCare to complete SIS® assessments on a triannual basis
✓ All individuals being served in the CAC, Self Determination and Statewide Waiver are required to have a SIS®
✓ Individuals receiving residential, day, employment
✓ Includes all types of residential services, as well as PA

Who Does Not Get a SIS®?

• Individuals receiving ISC services only
• Individuals receiving dental/behavioral services only
Scheduling SIS® Assessments

- Assessors receive information regarding the individual’s providers
- Assessors will contact the “lead agency” first, followed by conservator, when applicable
- The assessment is scheduled at a time when all respondents can participate at the same time

- Please ALWAYS inform the person calling to schedule, if the individual has a conservator involved.
- ISC’s may be contacted to assist in determining current providers, if an individual has transitioned and cannot be located
SIS® Participants

- AAIDD has established specific criteria as to who qualifies as a SIS respondent
- The person must:
  - Know the individual being assessed for at least 3 months
  - Be able to speak knowledgeably about support needs across a variety of everyday settings

- Maximus must have 3 valid respondents to conduct the SIS assessment. It can be completed with TWO at minimum.
- The individual does not have to participate in the SIS, although participation is highly encouraged. The assessor MUST meet the individual prior to completing the assessment, in order for it to be valid.

Required participants include:

- Conservator- participation can be declined, but they are always invited to participate
- Residential provider, or whoever the person lives with (including family members)
- Day provider
- PA provider
Need More Information?

✔ For information on getting a SIS® report contact the TN SIS HelpDesk: 866.968.6747

✔ For specific questions about the SIS® or additional SIS® training please contact:

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