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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS

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SUBJECT: Level Care Transformation Policy Updates

This memorandum is to advise Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) staff and stakeholders of policy and form updates made to correspond with the Level of Care Transformation implementation. As stated in [INFO 06-21-04](#), MO will temporarily utilize a dual Level of Care determination approach through expenditure of American Rescue Plan ARP enhanced funding. LOC is determined as met if the individual meets the criteria of at least one of the two sets of criteria. Upon expenditure of ARP funds, the current criteria will be retired and only the transformed will remain in effect.

A flow chart can be found in the Chapter 10 Web Tool updates surrounding the proper use of the dual system. Assessors and reassessors should review this flow chart to ensure the correct assessment is submitted for each participant.

Updates include:

➤ 4.10	Explanation of LOC Determination	Explanation of the dual criteria determination approach. Added determination explanation for the transformed criteria.
➤ 3.00 Appendix 4	NME HCBS Referral Assessment Form	Form updated to reflect the transformed LOC criteria. If an individual does not meet utilizing this updated form, the current form (3.00 Appendix 5) should be utilized as a secondary means for determination throughout the dual period.
➤ 7.00 Appendix 3	MFP HCBS Referral Assessment Form	Form updated to reflect the transformed LOC criteria.
➤ 8.00 Appendix 4	General Health Evaluation and LOC Recommendation	Form updated to reflect the transformed LOC criteria.

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➤ 10.05	Web Tool – Initial Assessment	Updated to reflect correct Web Tool Log In and LOC Transformation information.
➤ 10.15	Web Tool - Reassessment	Updated to reflect correct Web Tool Log In and LOC Transformation information.

This revised policy is located in the HCBS Policy Manual at the following link:
<http://health.mo.gov/seniors/hcbs/hcbsmanual/index.php>.

Questions should be directed to the Bureau of Long Term Services and Supports (BLTSS) via email at LTSS@health.mo.gov.

Unless otherwise noted, the policy revision is effective upon receipt.

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