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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS

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SUBJECT: Updated InterRAI Assessment Coding Guidance

This memorandum advises Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) staff and Type 27 provider reassessors of updated interRAI coding guidance. In preparation of the launch of the new electronic case management system, the Division of Senior and Disability Services attended a refresher training hosted by InterRAI training fellows. Through this training the following areas were identified as areas in which coding adjustments were needed. This new guidance will more accurately support and align with the InterRAI manual to ensure HCBS eligibility accurately reflects the needs of our participant's.

Effective January 1, 2025, all assessments shall be coded using this updated guidance:

- G1a: Meal Preparation Capacity
 - Meal preparation should be coded based on the person's ability to put meals together, regardless of the nutritional value of the meal. For example, if the person is able to make cold cereal or a sandwich without assistance, the person would be scored as independent in meal preparation capacity.
- G1d: Managing Medications Capacity
 - When considering the subtasks associated with managing medications, calling the pharmacy/doctor should **not** be considered as a subtask.
- G1g: Shopping Capacity
 - This item only considers the amount of assistance needed once in store. Assistance needed to get to the store or in the store should **not** be considered as a subtask.
- G2j: Eating
 - Carrying the plate/tray to the table **should no longer** be considered when coding this item. InterRAI is removing this from their current manuals. Setup help for eating begins once the plate/tray is presented. Examples might include cutting up food or opening food containers.

The [interRAI Coding Quick Guide](#), [Managing Medication Quick Guide](#) and [Policy Clarification Questions \(PCQ's\)](#) have been updated to reflect this guidance.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Policy and Quality Enhancements via e-mail at LTSS@health.mo.gov.

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