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# HCBS MONTHLY PROVIDER BULLETIN

This bulletin provides updates on policies, guidelines, and initiatives related to Home and Community Based Services.

## This month's highlights:

✓ Fusion Go Live

✓ Memos

✓ HCBS Updates

✓ Reminders

"It always seems impossible until it's done"

Nelson Mandela



## MEMOS

### HCBS:

[HCBS 03-25-01](#)  
APC, CDS, and  
RCF/ALF Personal  
Care Policy Updates

### INFO:

[INFO 03-25-01](#) Provider  
Reassessor Assignment  
Information

[INFO 03-25-02](#) Structured  
Family Caregiving Waiver  
Update



## FUSION GOES LIVE

Implementation Date: May 5, 2025

DSDS's new case management system, FUSION, will go live on **May 5, 2025**.

To ensure you are prepared for a smooth transition, please refer to [INFO 03-25-01](#).

- All assessments originally due by April 30th have a new due date of April 20th to ensure no lapse of services for our participants.
- All provider entries into the Cyber Access/Webtool system will be restricted as of 5:00 pm, April 20, 2025.
- Cyber Access/WebTool will only be accessible on a "read only" basis until the go live date of May 5th.

During this transition period, feel free to begin reassessments on May assignments via the new paper interRAI reassessment forms.

### IMPORTANT !!!

All provider reassessor information must be submitted through the survey link previously emailed by April 18th. Not completing the survey may result in the inability to access participant cases in FUSION which will prevent assessment completion and billing.

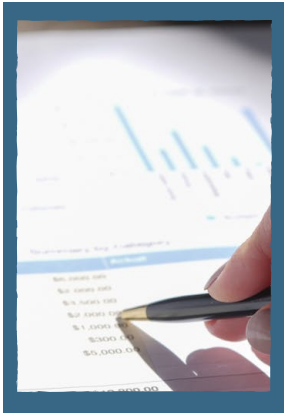
Email [HCBS.Systems@health.mo.gov](mailto:HCBS.Systems@health.mo.gov) if you need the link.

## InterRAI version 10

### BPQE

#### *InterRAI assessment tool update*

DSDS will transition from the version 9 interRAI assessment tool to version 10 alongside the FUSION System implementation on May 5, 2025. This update will enhance reporting and analytics, allowing for more effective tracking of quality metrics and population health trends to better serve our participants. Training opportunities for version 10 will be available soon - stay tuned for more details!



## SLUMS update

Saint Louis University, (SLU) has updated the [SLUMS form](#) to reflect a scoring change for question 8. Please ensure any previously printed copies are discarded and that you download and use the updated version, now available in the [HCBS Policy Manual](#). Using an outdated form may impact a participant's eligibility, potentially affecting whether they can receive CDS from a trusted family member or must transition to an agency model service.



## Meal Prep Quick Guide



As promised, the newly developed [Meal Prep Quick Guide](#) has been posted under the Resources and Guides tab of the [Provider Reassessor Information](#) page.

## Reminders

- The closing date of case, due to LOC not met, will depend on when the case is reviewed and processed by the PRR team. Please do not give a closing date to the participant.
- If a DPOA is not active, there is no need to obtain the paperwork and upload it to the case record. The participant is still responsible for signing their own forms until the DPOA has been activated.

## Contact Us



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