Implement a Clear Plan to Address Access Rule Requirements Using the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST)

The HRST provides easy, immediate access to the information you need to respond to key requirements found in the Medicaid Access Rule.

Use the HRST to:

Contribute
Contribute valid and reliable health risk acuity data for regular payment rate analyses and establishing acuity-based tiered payments for selected HCBS services.

Prioritize
Prioritize access to HCBS waiver programs to reduce waiting lists and promote successful transitions to home and community-based services.

Prevent
Proactively prevent critical incidents, including unexplained or unanticipated deaths, through timely and accurate health risk identification.

Enhance
Enhance person-centered planning, ensuring the person's health risks and risk mitigation strategies are clearly articulated.

Serve
Serve as a comprehensive performance and quality measurement reporting mechanism.

Respond
Respond in real-time by integrating Admission, Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) alerts and data from other sources, allowing for timely and compliant updates to the person-centered plan.

Medicaid Access Rule **Requirements**

HRST **Solutions**

Column 1

A minimum percentage of Medicaid HCBS payments for:

- Direct care worker compensation
- Transparency on payment rates
- Regular payment rate reviews

The HRST defines Health Care Levels that can determine services levels.

The higher the Health Care Level, the higher the tier.

LOW RISK — 1 2 3 4 5 6 — HIGH RISK

Column 2

Updates to how HCBS waiting lists are managed.

The HRST Health Care Levels help inform relative priority on waiting lists, allowing those with higher Health Care Levels to move to the top of the list.

It also promotes safe transitions to home and community-based services by identifying healthcare supports needed to effectively support people in the community.

Column 3

The Access Rule regulates the reporting and handling of critical incidents.

The HRST helps prevent critical incidents by identifying individual health risks and providing actions steps for mitigating risks before a critical incident occurs.

It also interfaces with your state's electronic incident management system, ensuring key information is always at your fingertips.

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