

## **Illinois Medicaid Comprehensive Assessment of Needs and Strengths (IM+CANS) - Summary of Changes**

*This document provides an overview of the changes made in the updated version of the IM+CANS, effective for providers 4/1/2024. This summary follows the order/numbering based on the new, updated version of the IM+CANS. Questions regarding these changes may be directed to [HFS.IATP@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.IATP@illinois.gov).*

### General/Overall Changes

- The numbering of sections was updated throughout the core form and all addenda to ensure continuity.
- The names and numbering of the addenda were updated to ensure continuity.
- Age range descriptions for items to be rated were updated to reduce confusion on applicability. For example, early childhood items now read as 0-5 (read: 0 through 5) rather than 0-6 (read: 0 to 6) to better match the language used in the field to describe this population.
- The “Substance Use History” section, including the substance use module (previously section 5), was removed.

### Section 1 – General Information

- Added “Chosen/Preferred Name” field.
- Added “Pronouns” field.
- Replaced “Gender” with “Sex at Birth” and “Gender Identity” fields.
- Removed “US Citizen” question.
- Updated verbiage under “Ethnicity” and added Unknown checkbox.
- Removed Hispanic under “Race” field and added Other checkbox.
- Updated checkbox options under “Living Arrangement.”

### Section 2 – Established Supports

- Section created to separate from “General Information” section.
- Added question about caregiver status with prompt to complete the Caregiver Addendum when applicable.
- Updated “Relationship to Customer” to add additional checkbox options.

### Section 3 – Trauma Exposure

- Updated instructions for “No” rating.
- Updated instructions for “Supporting Information” box.

### Section 4 – Presenting Problem and Impact on Functioning

- Age range for Atypical/Repetitive Behaviors item was changed from 0-5 to the full lifespan.
- Addictive Behaviors item added for ages 6+.
- Age range for Mania item was changed from 21+ to 6+.

- Age range for Intimate Relationships item was changed from 16+ to 12+.
- Hoarding item was moved from the Risk Behaviors domain to the Life Functioning domain.

#### Section 5 – Safety

- Prenatal Care and Birth Weight items added for ages 0-5.
- Flight Risk and Runaway items combined, spanning the age range 3-21.
- Sexual Aggression item moved from Sexually Problematic Behavior module to the Risk Behaviors domain.

#### Section 7 – Psychiatric Information

- Removed the Psychiatric Problems section (previously section 7a).
- Changed Prior Mental Health Treatment section from a table to an open text box.
- Updated the Mental Status Exam.

#### Section 10 – ICD-10 Diagnosis

- Removed DSM-5 Diagnosis information from the table.
- Added an Additional Information text box to allow for the capturing of additional information related to the customer's diagnosis.

#### Section 13 – Individual Plan of Care

- Added additional information/prompts to the customer and family vision statement and service preferences.
- Created a new section 13c for Customer and Family Centered Goals to capture global goals for the customer.
- Updated Goal Status checkbox options.

#### Section 14 – Individual Plan of Care

- Created a new section 14, Treatment Objectives.
- Added space to document the lead IM+CANS provider and other treating provider(s).
- Added a Progress text box to document progress towards treatment objectives.

#### Section 15 – Recommended Behavioral Health Services/Interventions

- Changed Objective(s) column to Goal(s), tying the service need to the goal rather than specific objectives.
- Renamed Service Type as Service Name
- Removed columns for Mode and Place of Service.
- Changed Agency and Staff Responsible column to Rendering Provider, with instruction to list only 1 agency or individual practitioner per row.

#### Section 16 – Other Health & Health Related Social Needs

- Moved and renamed section (previously Section 10, Needs/Resource Assessment) and updated check box options.

#### Section 17 – Additional Assessment/Functioning Evaluations Recommended by LPHA

- Added checkboxes for Psychological Testing and Psychiatric Evaluation (previously under Section 7, General Mental Health History).
- Moved the section (previously under Section 13) to go along with other recommended services.

#### Section 18 – Referrals to Other Resources/Providers

- New section created to provide open space for documentation and tracking of referral information.

#### Section 19 – IM+CANS Signatures

- Attestation removed to ensure flexibility for various permissible signature situations.
- New section added for Lead IM+CANS Provider Signatures – both the completing staff and the authorizing LPHA.
- New section added for other IM+CANS provider signatures along with instructions for when to complete.

#### Addendum 1 – Modules

- All modules were moved from the core form to a new Modules Addendum.
- The item “Preschool/Daycare Quality” was removed from Module [C], School/Preschool/Daycare.
- The check boxes previously labeled under “School Needs” within Module [C], School/Preschool/Daycare was combined into the new Section 16, Other Health & Health Related Social Needs, within the core form. “School Needs” has been removed from the School/Preschool/Daycare module.
- Added new Module [H], Suicide Risk.
- Removed Sexually Problematic Behavior Module.
- Removed Substance Use Module.

#### Addendum 2 – Health Risk Assessment

- No changes made (other than renumbering sections) from the updated version announced via [provider notice 2/28/23](#).

#### Addendum 3 – Caregiver

- Instructions for completion updated.
- Fields for a second caregiver name and customer relationship added.
- Updated instructions for supporting information box.

#### Addendum 4 – DCFS Involved Youth

- Added additional prompts within each section to signify the individual for whom the items should be rated.