

Assessment Time Frames

ADLs and IADLs Except Cognition

Rules: OAR 411-015-0008(1)(b), OAR 411-015-0006(2)(b), OAR 411-015-0007(2)(b)

For assessment purposes, the time frame reference for evaluation is how the individual functioned during the thirty days prior to the assessment date, with consideration of how the person is likely to function in the thirty days following the assessment date.

If the individual did not need the assistance of another person during this time period, they do not qualify for assistance in that area. You may wish to note in your comments that the individual did not have the need within the assessment time frame if there is a past history of need but you are coding the individual as Independent at the time of assessment.

Cognition

Rules: OAR 411-015-0006(5)(b), OAR 411-015-0008(1)(b)(B)

In assessing cognition, the time frame may extend further back in time beyond the 30-day window, only if there is history or incidents that:

- negatively impact health and safety, and
- would need to be addressed in a plan of care.

For example, if an individual has a history of striking at caregivers resulting in injuries, has not done so in the last thirty days but you will be including safety precautions in the care plan and providers will be trained to cope with this behavior, then you may factor this history into your assessment and the decision on the individual's level of need.