

New York Independent Assessor

Process Overview for Initial Assessments
Communication, Notices, Reports & UAS-NY Data
Exchange for the Local Department of Social
Services

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Introduction & Overview

- The **New York Independent Assessor** (NYIA) program was established for New York State Medicaid recipients who want to receive personal care and/or Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS), and other community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS).
- NYIA is responsible for sending outcome notices and generating reports for the local Department of Social Services (LDSS), the Mainstream/Health and Recovery Plan (HARP)/ Special Needs Plans (SNP) and Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plans.



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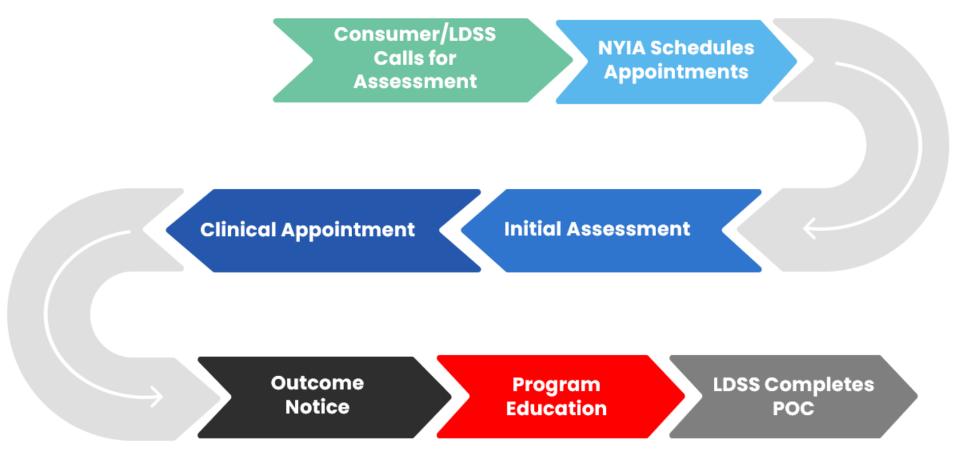
- This presentation provides an overview of how Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) individuals, the local LDSS, and the New York Independent Assessor (NYIA) will interact to communicate the results of the Initial Assessment.
- The communication, notification, and reporting process applies to all individuals who are scheduled to go through, or have completed, the Initial Assessment process with NYIA and are not currently enrolled in an MMCO. This also applies to individuals who are in the process of determining their Medicaid eligibility.



Initial Assessment Outcome Notice



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Initial Assessment Outcome Notices

Outcome Notice

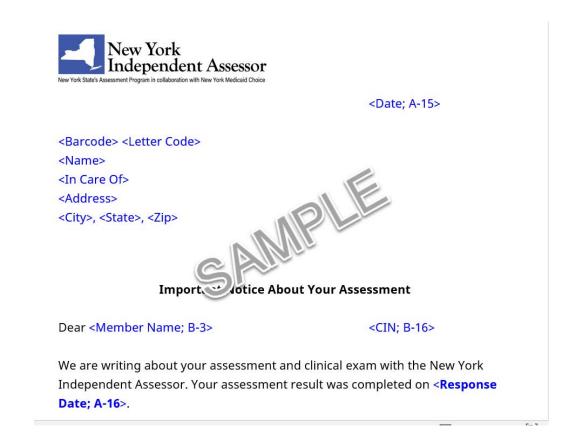
- NYIA is responsible for generating and mailing notices to individuals informing them of the outcome of their Initial Assessment.
- Once the Initial Assessment and Clinical Appointment are finalized, NYIA will mail the Outcome Notice within 2-3 business days to the individual's address on file and to the Authorized Representative's address, if applicable
 - It is very important to reinforce with the individual that the LDSS has their most up to date address to receive timely notifications.
- Outcome notices will be generated in English as the default language.
 - They will also be available in alternate languages (Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Haitian Creole, Bengali, or Korean) based on an individual's identified preference.



Initial Assessment Outcome Notice

The NYIA Initial Assessment Outcome Notices include the following Sections:

- Introduction
- Your Assessment Showed
- What Happens Next
- Questions? Call Us
- Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN)
- All notices that deny either service or MLTC Plan eligibility will include language about Conference and Fair Hearing rights.





Initial Assessment – Introduction

Dear < Member Name >

We are writing about your assessment and clinical exam with the New York Independent Assessor. Your assessment result was completed on Response Date.

The assessment helps us find out which Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS) you may need. These services include personal care or Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Services (CDPAS). You must be eligible for Medicaid health benefits and have certain care needs to get these services.

The Introduction section informs the individual the reason for the notice and the following information:

- The date that their assessment result was completed. This is the date that the CHA and CA are finalized.
- A brief explanation of the reasons for the assessment.
- A statement on Medicaid eligibility to be able to receive State benefits.



Initial Assessment - Your Assessment Showed

- The language in the Your assessment showed section varies depending on the population and the outcome of the initial assessment:
 - Personal care, CDPAS and other CBLTSS eligibility
 - MLTC Plan Enrollment eligibility, if applicable
 - Dual
 - Non-dual
 - Clinical Assessment Outcome, if appropriate
- Populations included in the Initial assessment process include:
 - FFS (Dual and Non-dual) seeking personal care and/or CDPAS and/or enrollment into a MLTC Plan
 - Mainstream/HARP/SNP individuals seeking personal care and/or CDPAS services only



Initial Assessment – Your Assessment Showed - CBLTSS Eligibility

Your assessment showed:

You are eligible for Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS), including personal care and/or CDPAS.

OR

Your assessment showed:

You may be eligible for Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS).

- In the Your assessment showed section, an individual will be informed if they are eligible for CBLTSS, including personal care and CDPAS.
- This language will be included, if it is determined that service cannot be rendered safely in the community.



Initial Assessment – Your Assessment Showed – MLTC Plan Enrollment Eligibility

Your assessment showed:

You may qualify to receive long term services and supports through a Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan. The MLTC Plan you choose will discuss your plan of care with you. We can help you choose a Plan or connect you with your LDSS if you choose not to join a Plan at this time.

This language is included when the FFS individual meets the MLTC Plan enrollment criteria listed below. MLTC Plans are still required to determine that the individual meets other Plan enrollment criteria.

- Dual eligible, age 18 through 20, in need of community-based long-term care services for over 120 days and assessed as nursing home eligible.
- Non-dual eligible age 18 and older assessed as nursing home eligible and in need of community-based long-term care services for over 120 days.



Initial Assessment – Your Assessment Showed – MLTC Plan Enrollment Eligibility

Your Assessment Showed:

You **may be eligible** for Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS), including personal care and/or CDPAS. However, you do not qualify to enroll in a Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan at this time.

You do not need any of the services listed below for more than 120 days. To get long term services and supports in an MLTC Plan, you must require **one of these** services for more than 120 days:

- Nursing services in the home
- Home health aide services
- Private duty nursing
- Personal care services in the home
- Adult day health care
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS)
- Therapies in the home (physical, occupational, respiratory and speech pathology)

- This language is included when a FFS individual does not meet the 120 days requirement to receive CBLTSS through a MLTC Plan.
- However, this does
 NOT mean that they
 are ineligible for
 personal care and/or
 CDPAS or other
 CBLTSS.



Initial Assessment – Your Assessment Showed – MLTC Plan Enrollment Eligibility

Your Assessment Showed:

You have regular Medicaid and you do not need the level of care required for people with your health coverage to get these services in an MLTC Plan. To get long term services and supports in an MLTC Plan, you must require both nursing home level of care and **one or more** of the services below for more than 120 days:

- Nursing services in the home
- Home health aide
- Private duty nursing
- Personal care services in the home
- Adult day health care
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS)
- Therapies in the home (physical, occupational, respiratory or speech pathology)

- This language is included when a FFS individual does not meet the MLTC Plan eligibility requirement.
- However, this does NOT mean that they are ineligible for CBLTSS.



Initial Assessment – Your Assessment Showed - Clinical Assessment Outcome

Your assessment showed:

Your clinical exam showed your health condition is not stable enough to get personal care and/or CDPAS at home.

 This language is <u>only</u> included if the individual's clinical exam found, and Practitioner's Order identified, that their health condition is NOT stable to receive personal care and/or CDPAS at home.



Example: Your Assessment Showed – FFS

Your assessment showed:

You are eligible for Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS).

However, your clinical exam showed your health condition is not stable enough to get personal care and/or CDPAS at home.

You may qualify to receive long term services and supports through a Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan. The MLTC Plan you choose will discuss your plan of care with you. We can help you choose a Plan or connect you with your LDSS if you choose not to join a Plan at this time.

- The notice informs the individual that they are eligible for CBLTSS
- This language is added to the notice ONLY if the results of the clinical appointment determine that the individual is not stable to receive services in their home.
- The MLTC language is included for this population.



Example: Your Assessment Showed – Mainstream/HARP/SNP

Your assessment showed:

You **are eligible** for Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS).

However, your clinical exam showed your health condition is not stable enough to get personal care and/or CDPAS at home.

 This language informs them of their eligibility for CBLTSS.

 This language is added to the notice ONLY if the results of the clinical appointment determine that the individual is not stable to receive services in their home.



Initial Assessment - FFS

Your assessment showed:

You **may be eligible** for Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS). However, you do not qualify to enroll in a Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan at this time.

You do not need any of the services listed below for more than 120 days. To get long term services and supports in an MLTC Plan, you must require **one of these** services for more than 120 days:

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- Home health aide services
- Private duty nursing
- Personal care services in the home
- Adult day health care
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS)
- Therapies in the home (physical, occupational, respiratory and speech pathology)

- This language is included when a FFS individual does not meet the MLTC Plan eligibility requirement of "in need of communitybased long-term care services for over 120 days"
- However, this does
 NOT mean that they are ineligible for CBLTSS.



Initial Assessment – What Happens Next

FFS

What happens next:

Call us to learn about the long term services and supports options that are available to you. You can call us at 1-855-222-8350.

Mainstream/HARP/SNP

What happens next:

You can call your Plan to discuss next steps. Your Plan will review your assessment results. They will work with you to evaluate your needs and develop your plan of care.

One of our counselors can provide you with your Plan's phone number.



Initial Assessment – Questions?

Questions? Call Us.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call us. You can call us at **1-855-222-8350** (TTY: 1888-329-1541). We can help you in any language.

Thank you,
New York Independent Assessor

All NYIA Initial Assessment notices include the "Questions? Call Us." language.

 NYIA is responsible for answering any questions regarding the outcome notices and providing the referrals to the correct entity, including MLTC Plan options.



Initial Assessment - ICAN

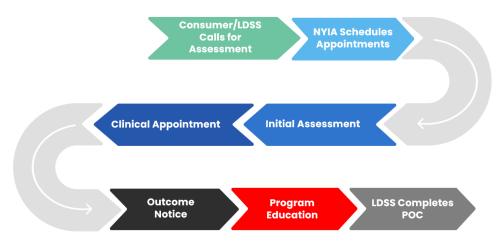
Information about The Independent Consumer Advocacy Network

The Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) is the ombudsman program for health plan members. ICAN can answer your questions and give you free, independent advice about your coverage, complaint, and appeal options. To learn more about ICAN, go to www.icannys.org, or call 1-844-614-8800. TTY: 711. All services are free.

 Information about The Independent Consumer Advocacy Network will be included in all NYIA Initial Assessment Outcome Notices.



Initial Assessment - Scenario



Outcome Notice

January 2022

Dolly is a Dual FFS Medicaid individual and has requested to be enrolled in an MLTC Plan. NYIA schedules both of their CHA and Clinical assessment via in person.

- The outcome of Dolly's Initial Assessment (CHA and CA) determined that they are:
 - Eligible for CBLTSS
 - PO Indicates health condition is stable to receive personal care and/or CDPAS at home
 - Meets the MLTC Plan enrollment criteria

Upon finalization of the Initial Assessment (CHA and CA), NYIA will issue an Initial Assessment
 Outcome Notice to Dolly within 2-3 business
 days.

Scenario - Introduction

 Dolly receives an Initial Assessment Outcome notice.

Outcome Notice Dear Dolly,

We are writing about your assessment and clinical exam with the New York Independent Assessor. Your assessment result was completed on May 15, 2022.

The assessment helps us find out which Medicaid community based long term services and supports (CBLTSS) you may need. These services include personal care or Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Services (CDPAS). You must be eligible for Medicaid health benefits and have certain care needs to get these services.



Scenario - Your Assessment Showed

Outcome Notice

- The outcome of Dolly's Initial Assessment (CHA and CA) determined that Dolly is:
 - Eligible for CBLTSS
 - PO Indicates health condition is stable to receive personal care and/or CDPAS at home
 - Meets the MLTC Plan enrollment criteria

Your assessment showed:

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You may qualify to receive long term services and supports through a Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan. The MLTC Plan you choose will discuss your plan of care with you. We can help you choose a Plan or connect you with your LDSS if you choose not to join a Plan at this time.



Scenario – What Happens Next

Outcome Notice

Program Education

- Dolly is referred to call NYIA in the What happens next section. This is based on determination that Dolly met the MLTC Plan enrollment criteria.
- NYIA is responsible for providing program education, including the MLTC Plans available in Dolly's service area.

What happens next:

Call us to learn about the long term services and supports options that are available to you. You can call us at **1-855-222-8350**.



Scenario - Questions? & ICAN

Outcome Notice

All Initial Assessment
 Outcome Notices
 include the Questions?
 Call Us & ICAN
 sections. This provides
 Dolly reference
 numbers, if needed.

Questions? Call Us.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call us. You can call us at **1-855-222-8350** (TTY: 1888-329-1541). We can help you in any language.

Thank you, New York Independent Assessor

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Scenario - Plan of Care

Program Education

LDSS Completes POC

- Dolly contacts the NYIA for Plan enrollment options and decides that they do not want to enroll into a MLTC Plan at this time.
- Dolly will be referred back to the LDSS for CBLTSS.
- LDSS will follow their current process to develop the plan of care.
- Note: There is no impact on current auto assignment process from FFS to MLTC Medicaid Plan, also known as Partial Capitation.



Reporting Process



Reports

NYIA has developed 4 new reports for the LDSS regarding initial assessments. They are:

- 1. Appointment booking for initial assessments in the next 30 calendar days
- 2. CHA outcome
- 3. PO outcome
- 4. Variance report

These reports will be stored in new folders in your existing folders on MOVEit



Scheduled Initial Assessment Report

- Name of Report: Consumers Scheduled for Initial Assessments within the next
 30 Days
- Frequency report generated: Weekly
- Summary of report: The report will provide each LDSS with a list of FFS individuals who have an initial assessment (including CHA and CA appointments) scheduled within the next 30 calendar days
- What will LDSS use report for: The report will provide each LDSS with a list of FFS individuals in their county who may be contacting them to develop their POC as the individual has completed the CHA and CA appointments



Contents of Scheduled Initial Assessment Report

The Initial Assessment Report will contain the following fields:

- CIN (if available)
- Name
- Social Security Number (if available)
- County
- Appointment ID
- Appointment Type
- Appointment Reason
- Appointment Scheduled date



Sample of Scheduled Initial Assessment Report

Appointments Scheduled within the Next 30 Days <date range=""></date>						
<u>Name</u>	<u>SSN</u>	County	Appt ID	Appt Type	Appt Reason	Appt Scheduled Date
Dolly	xxx-xx-1234	Nassau	1234	Initial CHA	FFS MA-only seeking CBLTSS	3/9/2022
Fred	xxx-xx-9876	Suffolk	5678	Clinical Appointment	Immediate Needs	3/16/2022
	Dolly	Name SSN Dolly xxx-xx-1234	Name SSN County Dolly xxx-xx-1234 Nassau	Name SSN County Appt ID Dolly xxx-xx-1234 Nassau 1234	Name SSN County Appt ID Appt Type Dolly xxx-xx-1234 Nassau 1234 Initial CHA	Name SSN County Appt ID Appt Type Appt Reason Dolly xxx-xx-1234 Nassau 1234 Initial CHA FFS MA-only seeking CBLTSS

Initial CHA Appointment Outcome Report

- Name of Report: Initial CHA Appointment Outcomes Report
- Frequency report generated: Daily
- Summary of report: The report will provide each LDSS a list of FFS individuals who NYIA completed an Initial Community Health Assessment (CHA) Appointment.
- What will LDSS use report for: LDSS will be able to review UAS-NY for the CHA results and begin to develop their Plan of Care with the Individual



Contents of Initial CHA Appointment Outcome Report

The CHA Appointment Outcomes Report will contain the following fields:

- CIN (if available)
- Name
- Social Security Number (if available)
- County
- Appointment ID
- Appointment Type
- Appointment Reason
- Appointment Scheduled date
- Assessment Status
- Reason Description



Sample of Initial CHA Appointment Outcome Report

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<u>CIN</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ssn</u>	County	Appt ID	Appt Type	Appt Reason	Appt Scheduled Date	<u>Assessment Status</u>	Reason Description	
AB12345C	Dolly	xxx-xx-1234	Nassau	9768	Initial CHA	FFS MA-only seeking CBLTSS	3/9/2022	Qualified	Need >120 LTC + meet ILOC	
AG56789C	Fred	xxx-xx-9876	Suffolk	3401	Initial CHA - Fast Track	Immediate Needs	3/15/2022	Unqualified	Consumer does not require services for at least 120 days	



Initial PO Outcomes Report

- Name of Report: Initial PO Outcomes Report
- Frequency report generated: Daily
- Summary of report: The report will provide each LDSS with a list of FFS individuals on who NYIA completed the Clinical Appointment and issued a Practitioner's Order
- What will LDSS use report for: The report will provide each LDSS with a list of FFS individuals in their county who may be contacting them to develop their POC as the individual has completed the CHA and CA appointments



Contents of Initial PO Outcomes Report

The PO Outcomes Report will contain the following fields:

- CIN (if available)
- Name
- Social Security Number (if available)
- County
- Appointment ID
- Appointment Type
- Appointment Reason
- Appointment Scheduled date
- Assessment Outcome



Sample of Initial PO Outcomes Report

PO Appointment Outcomes for LDSS <date range=""></date>											
<u>CIN</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>SSN</u>	County	Appt ID	Appt Type	Appt Reason	Appt Scheduled Date	Assessment Outcome			
AB12345C	Dolly	xxx-xx-1234	Nassau	4798	Clinical Appointment	FFS MA-only seeking CBLTSS	3/15/2022	Individual medical condition is stable			
								Individual medical condition is not			
AG56789C	Fred	xxx-xx-9876	Suffolk	5678	Clinical Appointment	Immediate Needs	3/16/2022	stable			



Variance Report (on completed Initial Assessments)

- Name of Report: Variance Report on completed Initial Assessments
- Frequency report generated: Weekly
- Summary of Report: The report provides each LDSS a list of FFS individuals
 who the LDSS has requested a variance review on initial assessments and the
 status update on those reviews.
- What will LDSS use report for:
 - track that NYIA received the variance review request submitted to NYIA and the outcome of the variance review.
 - reconcile their internal variance request report and,
 - as applicable, initiate modifications to the POC.

Note: Additional information on the Variance Review process will be covered in future training.

Contents of Variance Report (on completed Initial Assessments)

The Weekly Variance Report will contain the following fields:

- Creation Date
- CIN (if available)
- Name
- County
- Tracking Number
- Variance Reason
- Status
- Status Date
- New Assessment Date (if applicable)



Sample of Variance Report (on completed Initial Assessments)

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Creation Date	<u>CIN</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	Tracking #	<u>Variance Reason</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>	New Assessment Date			
3/25/2022	AB12345C	Dolly	Nassau	123456789	Identification Information	Upheld	4/5/2022	TBD			
3/28/2022	AG56789C	Fred	Suffolk	456789012	Communication and Vision	Overturned	4/8/2022				



Reports

- NYIA posts reports to designated folders for each LDSS on its Secure File Transfer Portal (SFTP) server, also known as MOVEit.
- NYIA will continue to generate existing reports for FFS individuals to provide to the LDSS.
- Each LDSS has access to only their location's folders, files, and reports.
- After the reports have been uploaded to the SFTP, the LDSS contact(s) for that office will receive an electronic notification that reports are available for them to access.



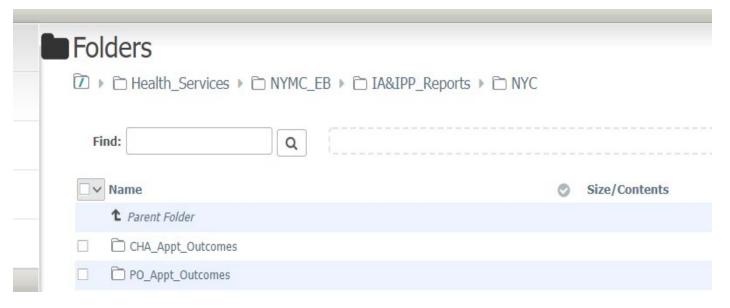
Accessing Reports

- The LDSS will log into MOVEit (https://edi.maximus.com/) to access their reports.
- Each LDSS determines who from their agency will have access to their reports and submits a request for access to NYIA.
- Once NYIA has granted the LDSS user access, they will be provided with written instructions on how to log in and access their reports.
- If the LDSS needs to request access to MOVEit, they will continue to follow existing process and send an email to NYDM@Maximus.com to request access. In the email, they will need to include the following:
 - Name
 - County
 - Program they are requesting access for (i.e., IA, IPP)
- NYIA will notify the LDSS once the new account has been created with instructions on how to create a password.

Note: The account will become inactive if the user fails to log on to MOVEit after 30 days. A new request will need to be submitted to reactivate the account.



New Initial Assessment Report Location on MOVEit



 Click on the file hyperlink to see the information in the reports



Process Road Map – LDSS Completes POC



LDSS Roles and Responsibilities

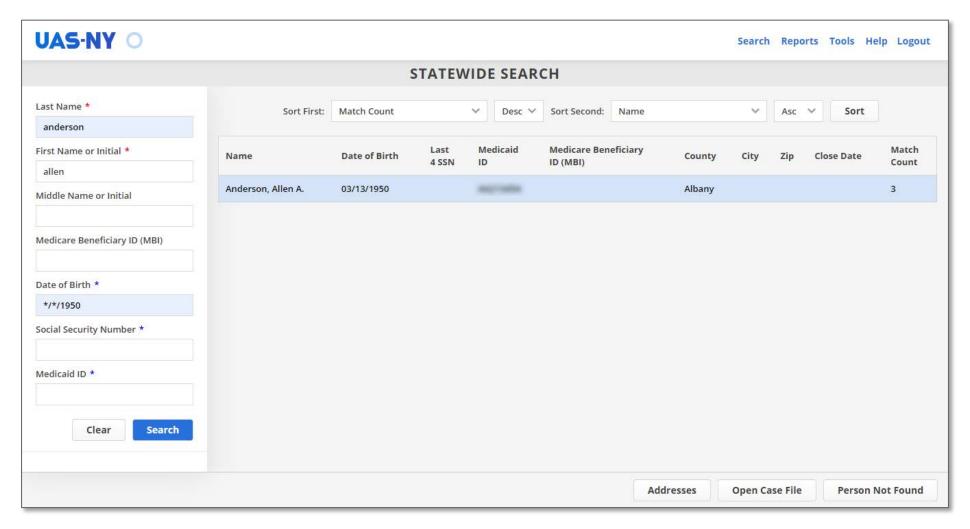
Once an individual has received their NYIA Initial Assessment Notice and NYIA provided program education, NYIA will refer the individual to their LDSS or their Plan of choice. The LDSS and MMCO Plans are responsible for the following:

- Adding individuals to the UAS-NY Organizational Case List
- Developing the Plan of Care
- Adding UAS-NY Enrollment records

Notes:

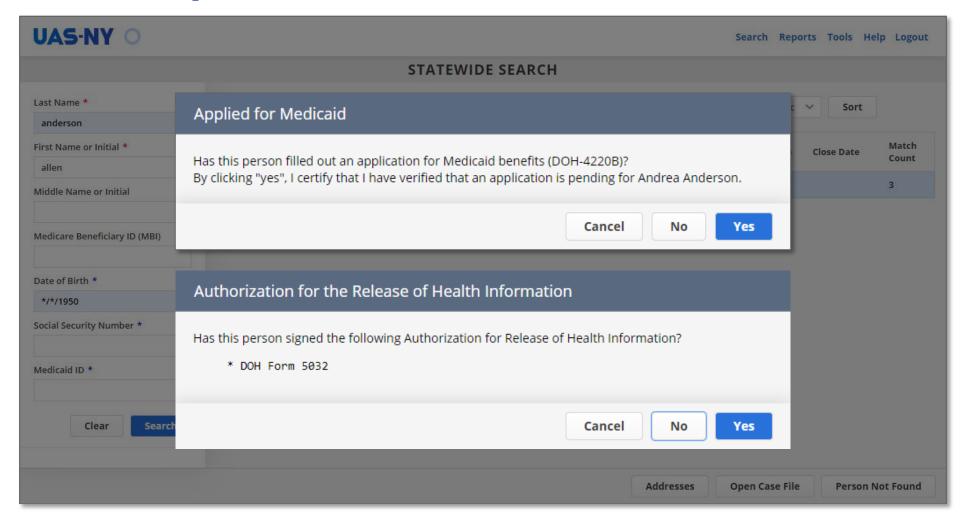
- MLTC Plans are still responsible for submitting the enrollment to NY Medicaid Choice if the individual requests to enroll. (NYIA has no impact on the current MLTC enrollment process.)
- Plan of Care development may include additional outreach to the individual such as conducting an in-home visit with the individual to evaluate their home environment or a review of their informal supports.

Search for an Individual Record in the UAS-NY

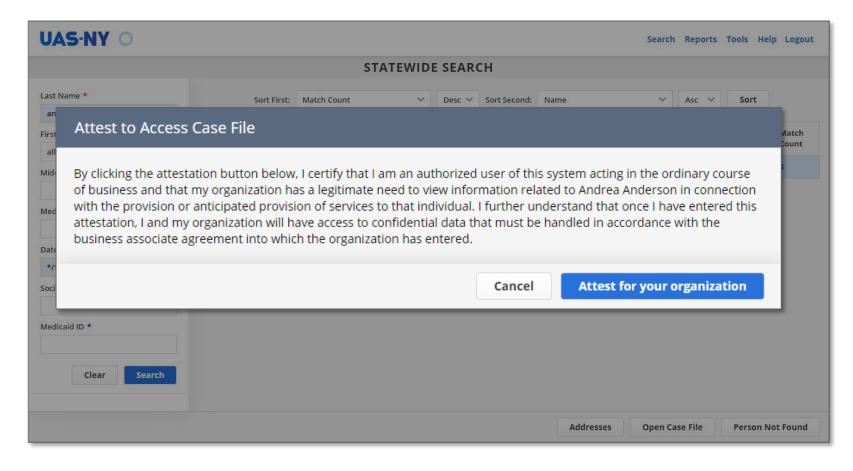




Consent Prompts



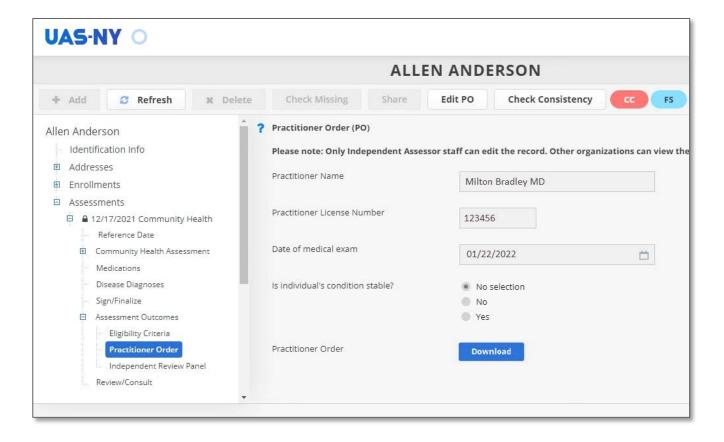
Attestation to Access Case File



To review the NYIA completed CHA and PO, the LDSS must attest to the legitimate business need to access the individual's UAS-NY case file.



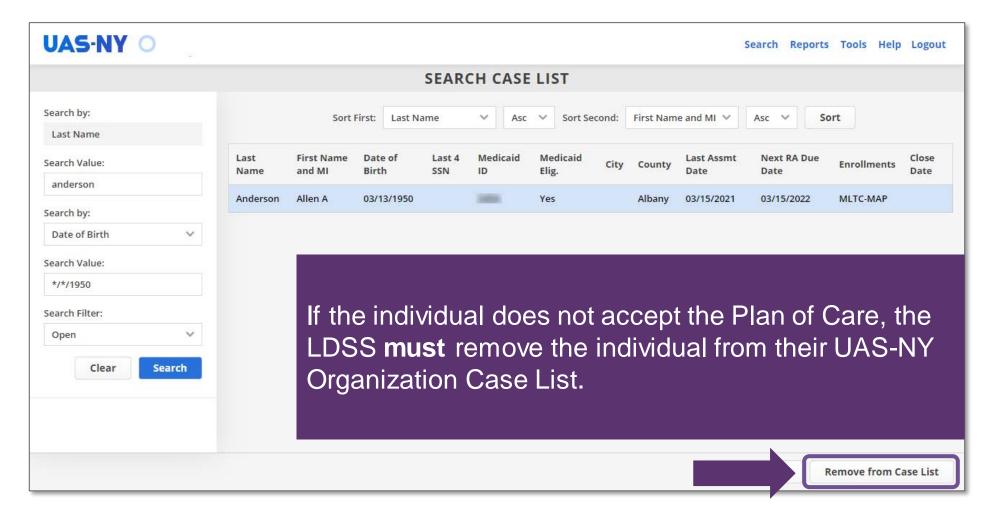
Develop Plan of Care



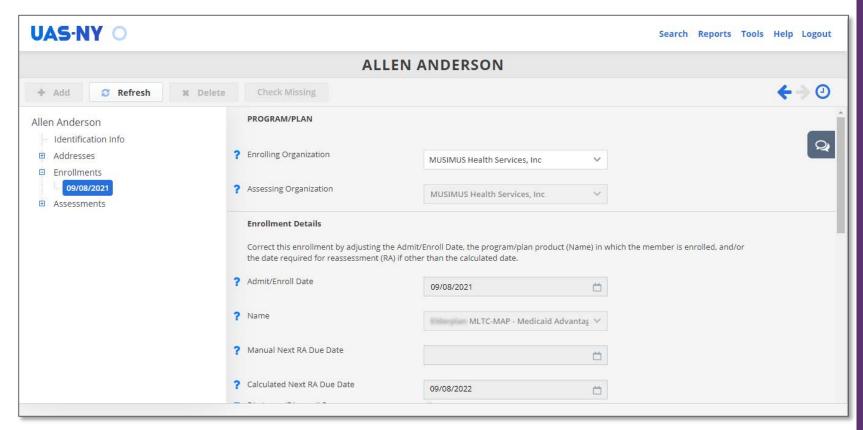
- LDSS must utilize the NYIA
 Community Health Assessment
 (CHA) and Practitioner's Order (PO)
 to develop Plan of Care as
 appropriate
- LDSS must follow the current process to develop the Plan of Care and offer to the individual
- Note: If POC requires 12+ hours of care, LDSS must follow the Independent Review Panel process



Remove Individual from UAS-NY Case List



Add UAS Enrollment Record

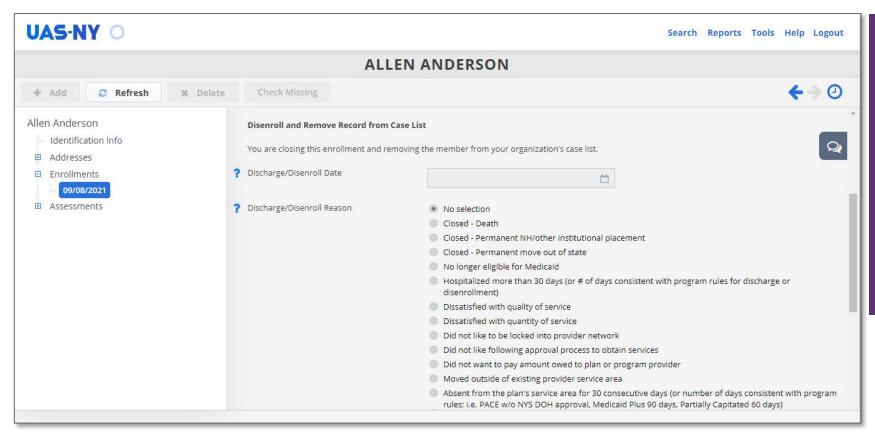


The LDSS **must** enter an Enrollment into the individual's case file in the UAS-NY if the individual accepts the Plan of Care.

Note: The NYIA reassessment process depends on accurate enrollment information in the UAS-NY.



Disenrollment and Removal from Case List



A disenrollment in the UAS-NY should be entered when:

 No longer receiving services with the LDSS

The Disenrollment functionality also removes the individual from the Organizational Case List.



Importance of Enrollments and the Organization Case List

- NYIA will rely on the enrollment record as it appears in the UAS-NY to determine who needs to be scheduled for reassessment.
- If an LDSS does not add the enrollment:
 - the LDSS will not receive the NYIA assessment in their Data Exchange (initial or reassessment), and
 - the individual will not be reassessed.
- Maintaining the Organization Case List is both mandatory by policy and critical for smooth operations between the NYIA and the LDSS.
 - UAS-NY.19.2 Organization Case List Management Policy for the UAS-NY



UAS-NY Reports



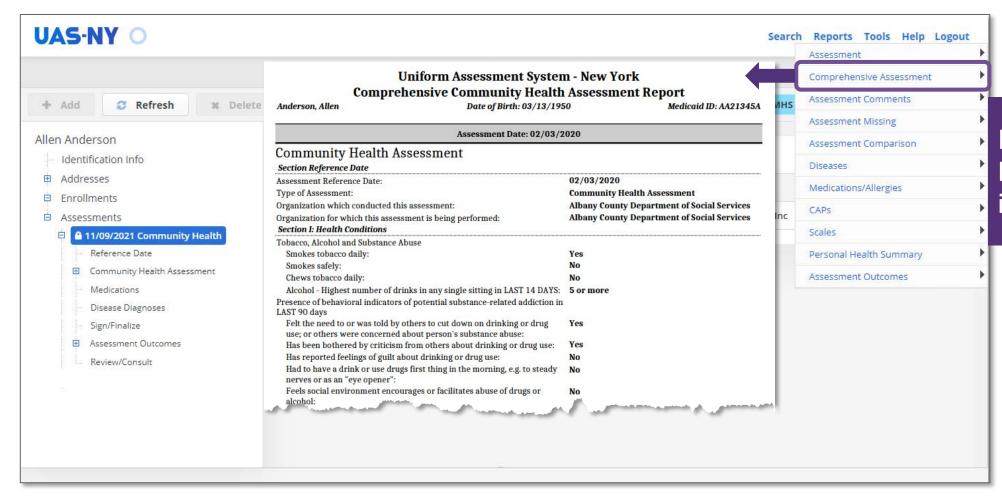
UAS-NY Reports

Reports accessible within the UAS-NY will continue be available to assist you with:

- Plan of Care development
- UAS-NY Enrollment Management
- Organizational Case List Management



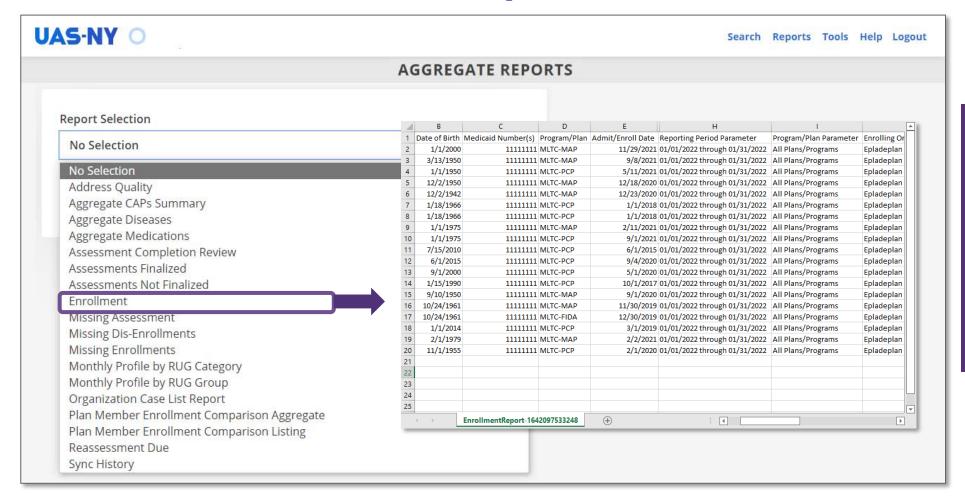
UAS-NY Comprehensive Assessment Report



Full Community
Health Assessment
in PDF format



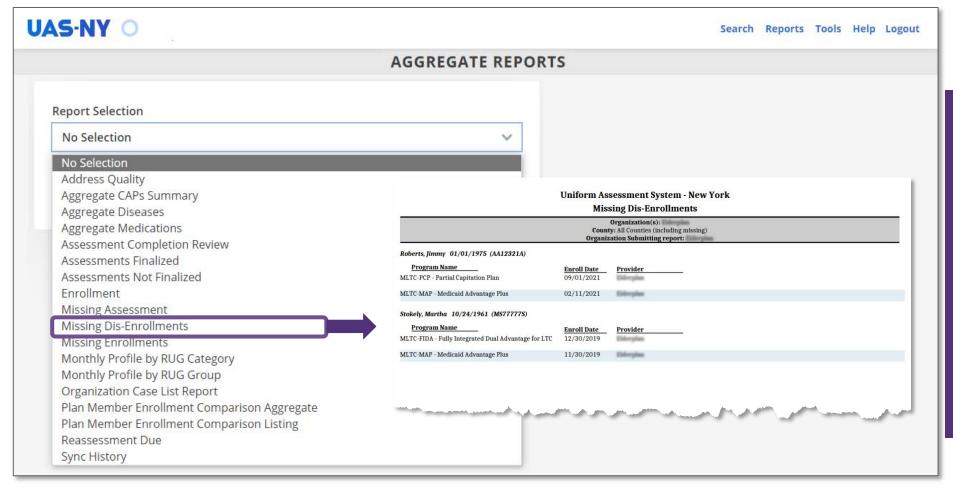
UAS-NY Enrollment Report



Shows all case files with an attestation and an active enrollment in the UAS-NY for your organization.



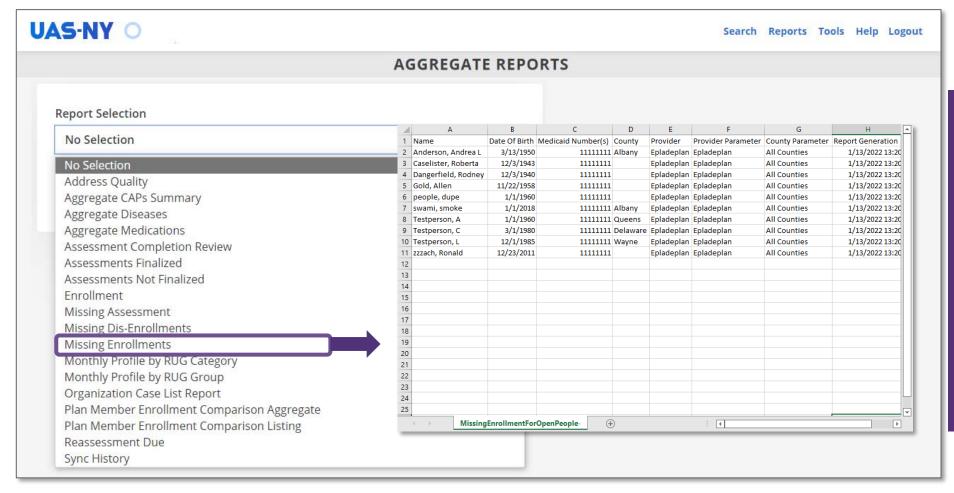
UAS-NY Missing Dis-Enrollments Report



Displays all case files where your organization has enrolled an individual in the same program/product as another enrolling organization.



UAS-NY Missing Enrollments Report



Displays all case files for which your organization has attested a business need to access, but for which you have not added an enrollment.



UAS-NY Data Exchange (optional)



UAS-NY/UPHN Lite Data Exchange

- **Definition:** The UAS-NY/UPHN Lite Data Exchange is a service designed for the secure exchange of protected health information with organizations that have been authorized and approved for such exchanges.
- The UAS-NY Data Exchange is a data feed that sends assessment data nightly to a participating organization.
- Any organization currently participating in the Data Exchange will continue to receive assessment data in the same manner through their current Data Exchange.
- The rules for the Data Exchange have been updated so organizations can receive data for NYIA conducted assessments



Existing Data Exchange Rules:

- The following conditions must be met. The organization must have:
 - Consent from the individual to access the individual's case file
 - Active attestation for the individual
 - A current enrollment record in the UAS-NY
 - The signed/finalized assessment must name the enrolling organization as the "Organization for which this assessment is being performed".

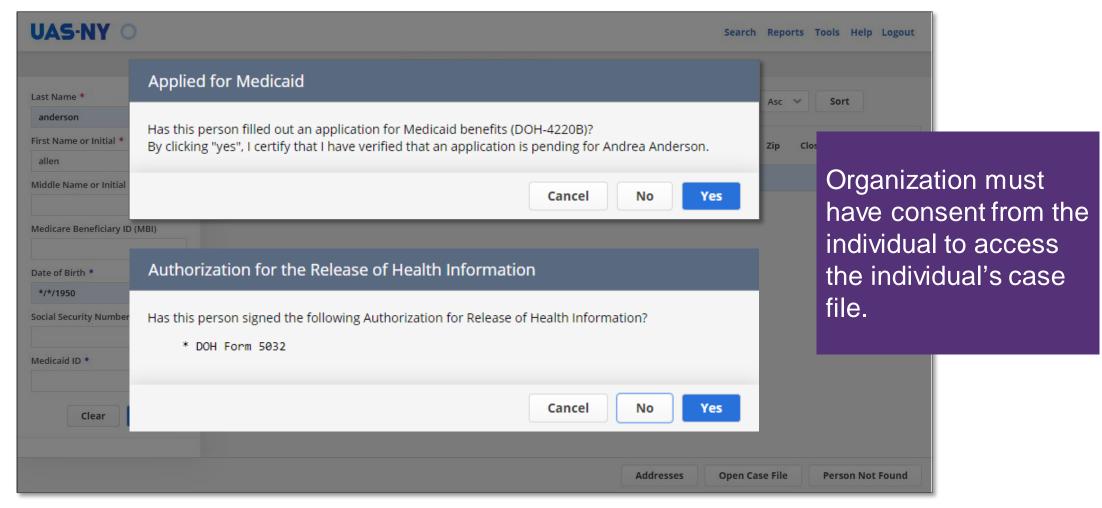


New Data Exchange Rules

(coding already implemented)

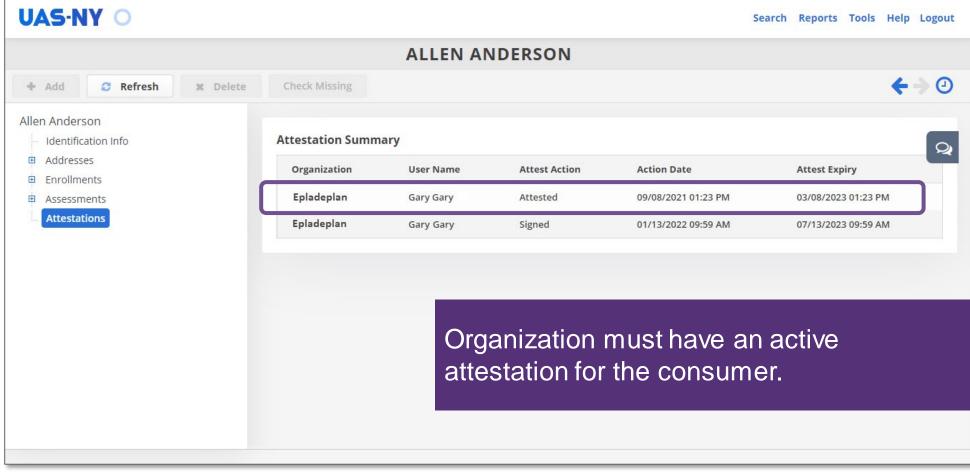
- The following conditions must be met. The organization must have:
 - Consent from the individual to access the individual's case file;
 - Active attestation for the individual;
 - A current enrollment entry in the UAS-NY;
 - The "Organization which conducted this assessment" must be the NYIA;
 - The "Organization for which this assessment is being performed" must be the NYIA; and
 - The organization's enrollment must be for one of the product types handled by the NYIA:
 - MLTC-PCP, MLTC-MAP, MMC, HARP, SNP, Personal Care, CDPAP

Condition 1 - Consent



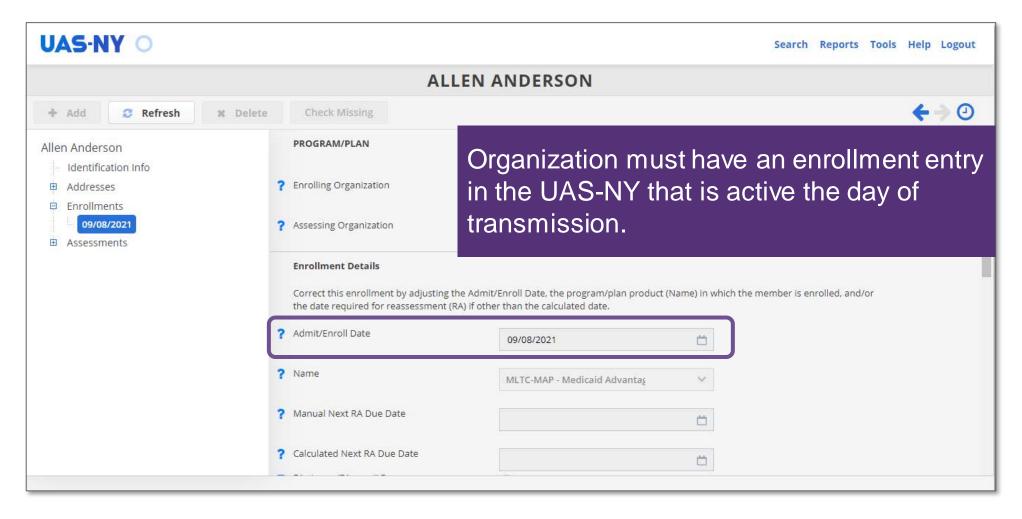


Condition 2 – Active Attestation





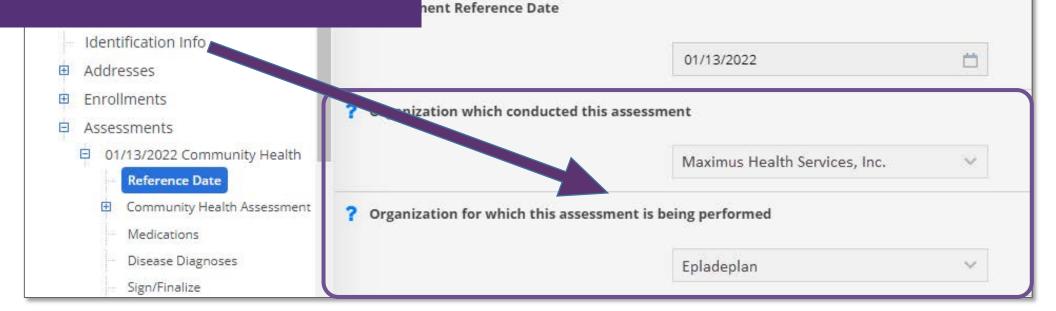
Condition 3 – Enrollment Recorded in the UAS-NY





Condition 4a – Assessment Conducted By/For (no change)

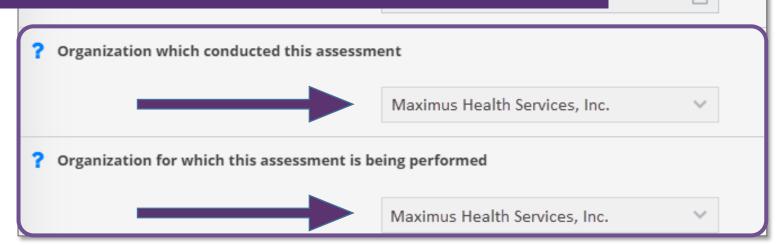
The enrolling organization must be selected as the "Organization for which this assessment is being performed". (current rule)





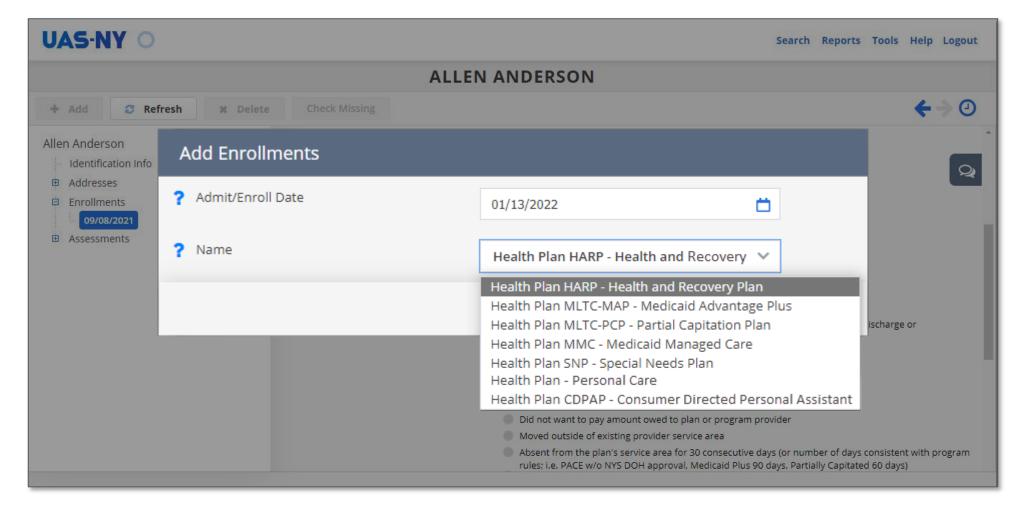
Condition 4b – Assessment Conducted By/For (new)

- "Organization which conducted this assessment" must be NYIA,
- "Organization for which this assessment is being performed" must be the NYIA, and
- Organization's enrollment must be for one of the product types handled by the NYIA (MLTC-PCP, MLTC-MAP, MMC, HARP, SNP, Personal Care, CDPAP).



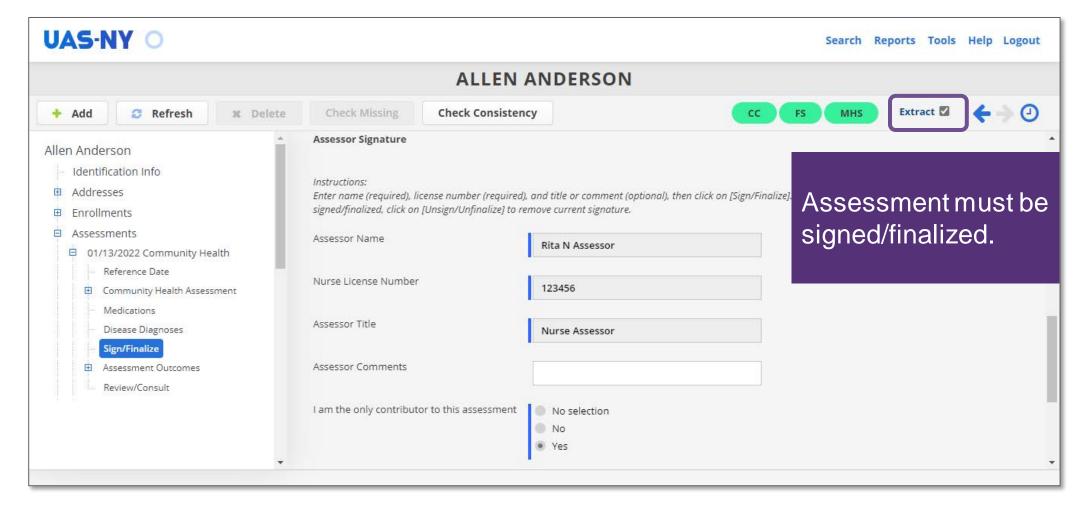


Product types handled by NYIA





Condition 5 – Sign/Finalize the Assessment





How to sign up for the Data Exchange

- Contact UAS-NY Support Desk: <u>uasny@health.ny.gov</u>
- Note: The set-up process to begin utilizing the Data Exchange takes a significant amount of time (usually several weeks).
 - Your Organization Case List will need to be accurate prior to initiating the Data Exchange to ensure accurate data is transmitted.
 - Your organization will need to appoint an Organization Security Coordinator (OSC), who will be responsible for the Data Exchange. This process requires notarized forms to be mailed to the Health Commerce System (HCS).
 - Your organization will need to download the UPHN Lite Client to an appropriately secure location.

The UAS-NY Support Desk and UPHN Lite teams will be happy to assist your organization through this process.



Summary



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- An outcome notice will be issued to the individual upon the completion of an Initial Assessment and a Clinical Appointment. The outcome notice informs the individual:
 - If they are eligible for CBLTSS, including personal care and/or CDPAS
 - If services cannot be rendered safely in the community
 - Their Plan options (if applicable)
 - Fair Hearing rights (if applicable)
- Results of the Initial Assessment and Clinical Appointment are available in the UAS-NY application.



Resources



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- Final Regulations can be found at:
 - Personal Care Services 505.14
 - Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services 505.28
- DOH/NYIA will be scheduling additional webinars and trainings with LDSS front-line staff in January 2022. Information on trainings will be posted on the DOH's website at: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/independent_assessor.htm
- Questions can be sent to <u>independent.assessor@health.ny.gov</u>



Questions and Answers

Process Overview for Initial Assessments: Communication, Notices, Reports, UAS-Reports & UAS-NY Data Exchange for the Local Department of Social Services



