

National Outcome Measures (NOMs)

General NOMs Guidance

SOC FIVE Population of Focus

The definition of youth who meet criteria for the SOC FIVE grant's population of focus has been expanded.

Definition of SOC FIVE Grant's Population of Focus:

Kentucky's SOC FIVE grant aims to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth to age 21) who meet criteria for having a severe emotional disability (SED) and their families and who have child welfare involvement. For this grant, child welfare-involved families are those for whom a child abuse and/or neglect investigation results in a substantiation or services-needed finding and for whom DCBS does not have custody. The population of focus also includes children and youth who meet criteria for SED and have a planned reunification date within 60 days as well as post adoptive families who are seeking behavioral health services for youth they have adopted.

All Services Access Guidelines for SOC FIVE

(Highlights from Beth Jordan Guidance emailed 11/17/2021)

- For any child or youth who is referred for a CANS assessment and treatment is recommended, assessment results, family and child/youth preference, and service availability should be used to determine what treatment modality will best meet the child/youth and family needs.
- *It does not have to be a targeted, high-need service to qualify as someone served by the SOC FIVE and eligible for NOMs.*
- The CMHCs in Cohorts 1 and 2 all have funds designated to better serve the population of focus regardless of whether or not they receive additional funds for targeted, high-need services.

NOMs

5 things to know

1. SAMHSA requires that we collect NOMs on every consumer for the duration of the consumer's treatment.
2. The NOMs is not a screening or assessment tool. It's an evaluation tool. It measures outcomes and how the grant impacts children and youth.
3. The NOMs must be administered to *every* consumer served.
4. The Baseline NOMs interview should be completed within 7 days of a completed Intake—no later than the youth/family's 3rd session.
5. Any behavioral health provider staff can administer the NOMs.

NOMs

We must collect information on *every* consumer for the duration of the consumer's treatment.

Do we have to collect information on every consumer served?

SAMHSA requires that Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) grantees that provide direct services to consumers collect data from each consumer who receives grant-funded services.

SAMHSA defines a **consumer** as a child who is actively in treatment with a CMHS-funded program.

NOMs must be collected for the duration of the consumer's treatment: from when the consumer enters treatment or services, as defined by the program, to when the consumer is discharged and no longer receiving treatment or services with the grantee.

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When to do
the NOMs
interviews?

SAMHSA
timelines

Baseline

Within 7 calendar days of a
consumer entering treatment

Reassessment

One 6-month reassessment 180
days from Baseline NOMs interview
date

Discharge

Within 30 days of discharge if a
consumer cannot be interviewed

NOMs: CRITERIA FOR INTERVIEWEE

Interviewee	Criteria
1) Child or Adolescent	Child age 11 and older
2) Caregiver (on the behalf of the Child/Adolescent)	Child age 10 and younger
3) Either the Child/Adolescent or the Caregiver (on behalf of the Child/Adolescent)	Dependent on who is being interviewed

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**It's
voluntary!**

CONSENT

The consumer or guardian may indicate that he/she does not want to be interviewed. If this happens the interview should not be conducted.

A refusal to the current interview may or may not apply to future interviews or data collection; response options for both cases are available.

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Consumer ID

Who develops the consumer identification (ID) number?

The unique consumer identifier is determined by you. It can be between 1 character and 11 characters in length and can include both numbers and/or letters. It cannot begin with a dash or contain non-alphanumeric characters (including any of the following: ". [] ! @ # \$ % ^ & * ()") with the exception of dashes or underscores.

The same unique ID is used each time, regardless of whether the consumer has more than one episode of care (i.e., if they are discharged and then return).

To protect personally identifiable identification (PII), do not use any information that could identify the consumer. This includes, but is not limited to, the consumer's name, date of birth, or Social Security number as all or part of the Consumer ID.

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Submitting NOMs

We must submit NOMs electronically to SAMHSA.

HDI set up an online Qualtrics survey where BHPs enter the NOMs.

Then, HDI enters the NOMs into SAMHSA's database.

HDI has a NOMs Tip Sheet with links to SAMHSA's paper form and the Qualtrics.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please email me to ask any questions or set up any additional training sessions.

We provide:

- Group or individual sessions
- Overview of guidance
- Walk-through sample NOMs



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