

SOC FIVE National Outcome Measures (NOMs) Tip Sheet

Starting December 10, the SOC FIVE grant is required to use a new NOMs tool to collect NOMs from consumers. This applies to interviews conducted starting December 10 or any NOMs entered starting December 10 with no interview conducted. The new NOMs is to be collected at Baseline, 6-month Reassessment, and Discharge. The SOC FIVE grant's Evaluation Team collects NOMs through an online Qualtrics survey, then the Evaluation Team reviews the NOMs and enters them into SAMHSA's database (SPARS).

Here are links to:

HDI's Qualtrics survey to collect NOMs: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2gVFikbngSjgBeK

SAMHSA' paper copy: <https://spars.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/CMHSNOMSToolEnglish.pdf>

Below is a description of the sections of the new NOMs tool. The next page maps out when to complete each section.

Record Management

This section contains information about the form being completed such as the Client ID, Assessment Type, whether an interview was conducted, and whether the respondent is the child or caregiver.

Behavioral Health Diagnoses

This section collects information on whether the client was screened/assessed for trauma-related experiences, if they had a positive suicide screen, and Behavioral Health Diagnoses.

Demographic Data

This section asks questions about gender, sexual identity, ethnicity, race, and language spoken at home. (Note: For the SOC FIVE grant, we do not answer questions labeled "Adult Only," so we removed those from the Qualtrics survey.)

A. Functioning

This section contains questions about the child's overall mental health, how well the child was able to deal with everyday life during the past 30 days, and how the child has been feeling during the past 30 days.

B. Stability in Housing

This section contains questions about the child's housing situation and where they have been living most of the time in the past 30 days.

C. Education and Employment

This section's questions ask if the child is currently enrolled in school or a job training program, and in the past 30 days, did they have enough money to meet their needs. (Note: For the SOC FIVE grant, we do not answer questions labeled "Adult Only," so we removed those two questions from the Qualtrics survey.)

D. Crime and Criminal Justice Status

This section has questions that ask if the child has been arrested or spent time in jail or a correctional facility or been on probation in the past 30 days.

E. Perception of Care

This section contains questions about the child's perception of the care they received during the past 30 days.

F. Social Connectedness

This section contains questions about the child's relationships with persons other than their mental health provider(s) over the past 30 days.

G. Program-Specific Questions

The SOC FIVE grant does not complete this section of the NOMs, so we did not include it in the Qualtrics survey.

H. Services Received and Clinical Discharge Status

This section contains questions to identify all services the grant project provided to the client during their participation in the program, including grant-funded and non-grant funded services, and questions on discharge date and status.

When to Fill Out Each Section of the NOMs

The following chart shows which sections to complete based on the assessment type (baseline, reassessment, or discharge) and whether the interview was conducted. All NOMs complete the Record Management and Behavioral Health Diagnoses sections. HDI's online Qualtrics survey (linked above) has logic built in to automatically move between sections based on assessment type and whether the interview was conducted.

