

What's New in IPMES/Workscope Spring 2012

In late 2011, OASAS implemented APG-related changes to the PAS-48N for Part 822 programs. These changes led to certain IPMES indices being modified. The alterations in IPMES only apply to Part 822 programs that report visits and to data reported for November 2011 onward. For Calendar Year 2011, the first ten months of data (January through October) will be based on calculations used in prior year's IPMES reports and the last two months (November and December) will be based on new calculations. The changes are summarized below by measure.



Targeted Units of Service Delivered

New data items are being collected in the Visits and Assessment Visits sections of the PAS-48N and the Units of Service delivered used in the numerator of this index will be calculated differently as a result. The following formula will be used for November 2011 onward:

$$\text{UOS} = (\text{Total Brief Assessment Services}/2) + \text{Total Normative Assessment Services} + \text{Total Extended Assessment Services} + \text{Treatment Visits less than 30 minutes} + \text{Treatment Visits 30-59 minutes} + \text{Treatment Visits Treatment 60-119 minutes} + \text{Treatment Visits 120-179 minutes} + \text{Treatment Visits 180 minutes or longer} + (\text{Medication Administration \& Observation Services}/6)$$

The total Units of Service for the year will be calculated by adding this value to the Units of Service for months prior to November 2011. The new formula is expected to produce approximately the same result for most programs, however, there may be exceptions. Since brief treatment visits are no longer divided by two, programs that provided a high proportion of brief visits will see their Units of Service increase. Part 822 programs will not be flagged on this index for at least one year. OASAS is working on a new Units of Service formula based on APG weights; it will likely appear in future IPMES reports.



Units of Service Delivered per FTE Direct Care Staff

The Units of Service used in the numerator of this index are the same as defined above. A new subcategory of direct care clinical staff was added to the Staffing Resources section of the PAS-48N. The direct care staff total used in this index now includes non-primary counselors in addition to primary counselors and other direct care staff. Part 822 programs will not be flagged on this index for at least one year.



Client to Direct Care Staff Ratio

A new subcategory of direct care clinical staff was added to the Staffing Resources section of the PAS-48N. The direct care staff total used in this index now includes non-primary counselors in addition to primary counselors and other direct care staff.



Individual and Group Counseling Sessions per FTE Primary Counselor per Week

Staff and time breakdowns for individual and group counseling sessions were added to the Counseling Sessions section of the PAS-48N. The numerator for this index is now the sum of brief individual counseling sessions, normative individual counseling sessions, and group counseling sessions provided by the primary counselor. The denominator will remain the same.



For more details on the above indices, please see the documentation at the end of the IPMES report. If you have any questions about the new calculations or the PAS-48N, please contact Tammy January at Tammy.January@oasas.ny.gov or (518) 457-9555 Theresa Rosa at Theresa.Rosa@oasas.ny.gov or (518) 457-5990.