



# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES

## QRTP Webinar 6.29.22 Questions & Answers

### **Qualified Individual**

Is the Qualified Individual responsible for completing the CANS or the placing agency?

The Title IV-E agency (PCSA, Title IV-E Juvenile Court that has a subgrant agreement with ODJFS, and ODYS Title IV-E Program) is required to ensure that a CANS assessment is completed within 30 days of an eligible youth being placed in a QRTP to seek reimbursement for the placement.

The *Qualified Individual* (QI) is the person who administers the CANS assessment to the youth.

Does the Qualified Individual need to attend court for the initial judicial determination if the court conducts a hearing? Is that allowed, required, or another option?

There is no requirement that the QI needs to attend the court hearing. There are varying practices across the state. Some courts desire the QI to be present should the jurist have questions about the report. Similarly, some QIs elect to attend court hearings to make sure that the QRTP finding is issued. [Note, courts can subpoena a QI to attend a hearing should it be necessary.]

### **CANS Assessment**

If the CANS assessment was completed more than 30 days before placement, can a CANS update be completed to meet guidelines?

Yes, an updated CANS to an assessment that was completed more than 30 days from the date of placement and/or more than 30 days after the date of placement (including the date of placement in the count) can be used to meet the QRTP requirement.

Can the CANS Assessment used for QRTP purposes also be used for OhioRISE as long as it falls within the timeline?

Yes, as long as the assessment meets both OhioRISE and QRTP requirements and is entered into the CANS IT System.

### **Disruption or "Leave" During Placement**

What happens when a youth is placed in a QRTP and the court approves the level of care, but the youth disrupts or needs to move to another QRTP-compliant facility? Is a new CANS assessment and/or a new judicial determination required?

A new CANS assessment and judicial determination are needed every time a child moves to a new QRTP network. If the new placement is to another facility under the umbrella of the original QRTP facility, they are not required.

What should PCSAs do when youth go AWOL within 30 days of being placed at a QRTP?

If a youth is placed into a QRTP and then goes AWOL, the youth is considered on a leave from the QRTP. The same requirements would need to be met so the Title IV-E agency could claim reimbursement for any bed holds should the youth return to the QRTP within 14 days. If the youth returns to the QRTP later than 14 days, the youth would still be eligible for reimbursement moving forward. The same would apply for all leave types as long as the youth is placed in a QRTP. This would be similar to when a youth is on leave when an annual reasonable efforts finding is due.

If the youth is AWOL, can the youth interview be waived?

Yes, the interview with the youth would be waived, but the CANS assessment would still need to be completed. It is recommended that QIs document in the court documentation the attempts they have made and/or strategies used to try to engage a youth who may not be easily engaged (special populations like a youth who refuses, an AWOL youth, or a youth who is psychiatrically compromised).

Is the PCSA still required to get the approval for the placement if it is less than 30 days from the court determination?

No, they would not be required to get a judicial determination if they leave earlier than it is due, but they would be required to get a CANS if the agency wants to be reimbursed for more than 14 days. Once the youth receives a CANS, the PCSA will be reimbursed from the first day of placement until the date the judicial determination is due or whenever the youth is discharged (leaves) whichever occurs first.

### **Subsequent QRTP Reviews**

Is the subsequent review entry due within 180 days from the date of placement like the initial judicial determination is due within 60 days or is there some leeway?

Ohio SACWIS is calculating in days, 180 = 6 months, 365 = 1 year and the non-concurrent placements at 545 (18 months). The count includes the date of placement. If it is not done timely, there would be no further reimbursement.

Where in the case plan is the director supposed to sign for the continued placement of a youth who is 13 years or older in a QRTP? Is an update required? Do we then need to gather signatures again and submit them to the court?

If a youth would obtain age 13 after they were placed into a QRTP, the date would automatically change in Ohio SACWIS to be due at 12 months from the date of placement. The Title IV-E Agency Director signature line can either be added to the Family Case Plan on the Court and Signatures topic while status is In Progress (before marking the plan as approved) or once the plan is approved and is the most recent Family Case Plan. The Family Case Plan does not need to be re-signed and submitted to the court until the next semiannual review (SAR).

## **Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)**

How is information in Ohio SACWIS about CANS/Q RTP linked to the case plan?

Once a CANS/Q RTP Assessment is recorded in Ohio SACWIS, the recorded information will display in the next updated Family Case Plan and generated on the Family Case Plan report.

## **OhioRISE**

Does OhioRISE and CANS apply to FINS?

OhioRISE is a program for children and youth with Medicaid under age 21 who demonstrate a need for intensive behavioral health services, regardless of custody status. Eligibility requirements for OhioRISE can be found in [Ohio Admin.Code 5160-59-02](#).

How is OhioRISE eligibility impacted (if at all) if a youth is placed out of state?

OhioRISE eligibility would only be impacted if the youth is disenrolled from Ohio Medicaid. This may happen if the youth becomes eligible for the other state's Medicaid program.

CANS are to be completed every 90 days for OhioRISE participation. Who completes them? Who completes the CANS updates if the youth is in a Q RTP?

For kids engaged in OhioRISE care coordination, CANS are completed at least every 90 days or when a change of circumstances occurs. These assessments are completed by each child/youth's OhioRISE care coordinator [working at Aetna or a local care management entity (CME)], regardless of where a child is placed.

Are there any overlaps in the Family & Permanency Team and the Child & Family Care Team through OhioRISE?

The Family and Permanency Team required for Q RTP can be made up of an existing group, as long as it includes the members required in [Ohio Admin.Code 5101:2-42-12](#). This includes the Child and Family Care team.

Will the care coordinator provide updates in writing to the team?

OhioRISE care coordination documents are available to authorized members of the Child & Family Team through Aetna's care coordination portal, FamilyConnect.

## **CANS IT System**

Is the CANS IT system the same as entering the information regarding the assessment into Ohio SACWIS?

No, the CANS IT system is a separate system from Ohio SACWIS. For information on access and using the CANS IT System: <https://managedcare.medicaid.ohio.gov/managed-care/ohiorise/4-cans-resources>

Will there be a separate training on entering a youth into the CANS IT System?

There are 2 [online trainings](#) on the CANS IT System on the OhioRISE website under the CANS tab.

Do you enter information into the CANS portal if the child is AWOL and the CANS is waived?

The CANS assessment requirement is not waived if a youth is AWOL. The CANS assessment would need to be completed without the youth until the youth can be located.