DAIL Housing Accessibility Project

Agency Process Training

November 2022



Introductions

DAIL

Direct Access

Todays Training Plan

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Review new process and changes

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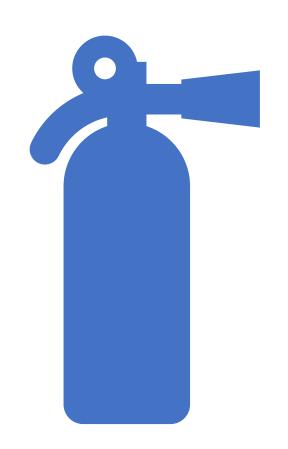
Preview new
Assessment items in
Portal

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Group Discussion

REMINDER:

 There are no changes to the current Home Safety Process or portal steps related to Home Safety Inspections with Evergreen



Assessing the needs of the Participants served

New referrals and placements

5-year renewals (Agencies develop internal tracking system)

Home visits and service coordination

Documenting changes in health and mobility

Required Assessments

When an individual who uses a wheelchair, a walker, or has other mobility or accessibility needs (such as low vision or hearing loss that affect the individual's ability to freely navigate the home environment) an Accessibility Assessment of the residence and Participant's needs is required.

1. Creating the Assessment: DAIL Housing Portal

Agencies will create initial Accessibility Assessments in the DAIL Housing Portal

Assessments are created under the participant's case

Reminder to select the correct Assessment template: "Initial Accessibility Assessment"

Data entry

The initial status of the Accessibility Assessments will be Assessment Requested

2. Complete and upload the Accessibility Pre-Assessment Form

The new form was designed to capture information about the home environment as well as the participants current mobility needs and ability to utilize and navigate the common areas of the home

The Form must be uploaded using the required naming convention as per the Protocol Addendum

PAA_(Participant Last Name) (Date)

3. Change the Assessment Status

IMPORTANT: This step is <u>required</u> for the Assessment to move forward in the process.

Log in to DAIL Housing Portal and navigate to the Assessment

Change the Status from "Assessment Requested" to: "To Be Scheduled"

Accessibility Contractor

Accessibility Contractor is monitoring the DAIL Housing Portal for Assessments with the status "To Be Scheduled"

Accessibility Contractor will reach out to the Agency to coordinate the visit date, confirm Agency staff attending the visit, enter visit date into DAIL Housing Portal

4. Attend Assessments

Agency will ensure
Agency staff and SLP
are present during the
Contractor's visit

Prior to the visit the Agency will inform the SLP and Participant on what they should expect during the visit

Contractor will enter results into the DAIL Housing Portal

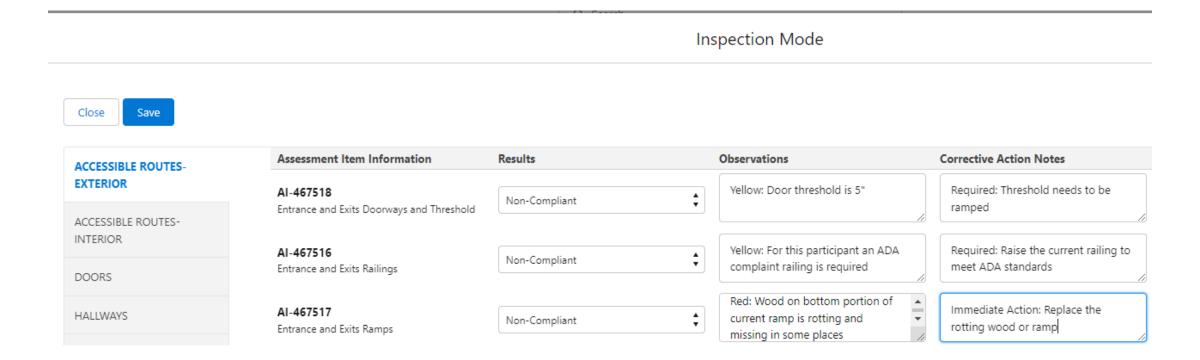
Completed Assessments

Contractor will upload report to related tab of the Assessment identifying 4 levels of home modifications

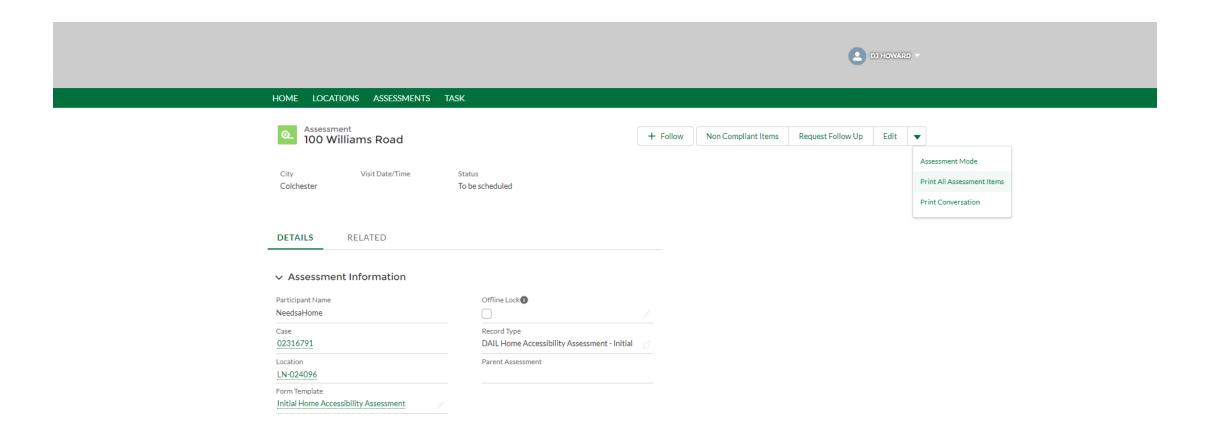
| Code | Description | Agency and SLP Responsibility |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Red = Immediate Action | Any immediate health or safety risks with potential legal implications. | Agencies must ensure that immediate action is taken to make these corrections or a plan in place to ensure safety until the correction is made. Agencies must incorporate a safety plan within the plan of action. |
| Yellow = Required | All improvements that will have a considerable impact increasing safety and promoting independence. | Agencies will ensure these required corrections are completed within the 45-day timeline allotted to complete the Assessment. |
| Green = Encouraged | Medium level solutions requiring extensive modifications to the home. | Agencies and SLP's may choose to make these recommendations or not. |
| Blue = Innovative | Innovative (blue sky thinking) approaches that may be of benefit. | Agencies and SLP's may choose to make these recommendations or not. |

All home modifications levels will be noncompliant in the DAIL Housing Portal

What you can expect to see in the portal



View Print All Assessment Items



5. Complete and upload your plan

Agencies will complete the plan portion of the new Agency Accessibility Modification Plan and Request for Modification Reimbursement Form

The form must be uploaded into the DAIL Housing Portal under the Related tab of the Accessibility Assessment using the required naming convention as per the Protocol Addendum: AMPR_(Participant Last Name)_(Date)

6. Complete Home Modifications

Agencies will work with SLP to complete all "RED" and "YELLOW" home modifications as identified by the Accessibility

Contractor

Agencies may choose to complete "GREEN" and "BLUE" recommendations

7. Change Result Resolutions

Agency will verify all home modifications are completed and then log in to DAIL Housing Portal

Change the Result Resolution of <u>ALL</u> required and recommended non-complaint items to "Initiate Home Modifications" even if recommended modifications have NOT been completed in the Portal;

To ensure that all items appear on the follow-up assessment

8. Request Follow Up Assessment

Verify

 Agencies must verify that all home modifications are completed prior to requesting the followup assessment in the DAIL Housing Portal

Log in and navigate

 Agencies will log in and navigate to the Initial Assessment and create a follow-up as per the current process in the DAIL Housing Portal

Default

 Follow-up Assessment status will default to: "To Be Scheduled"

Accessibility Contractor

Accessibility Contractor is monitoring the DAIL Housing Portal for Follow- Up Assessments with the status "To Be Scheduled"

Accessibility Contractor will reach out to the Agency to coordinate the visit date, confirm Agency staff attending the visit, and enter visit date into DAIL Housing Portal

9. Attend Follow-Up Assessments

 Agency staff and SLP will attend the follow-up visit with the Accessibility Contractor

10. Completed Follow-up Assessments

Accessibility Contractor

 Enter results into the DAIL Housing Portal

Accessibility Contractor

 All green and blue recommended modifications will be entered as compliant if the Agency and SLP choose not to complete them

Accessibility Contractor

 Approve the Assessment in the DAIL Housing Portal

Important Reminders

Assessments with ONLY
Green and Blue
recommendations will not
need a follow-up VISIT if
recommended
modifications are not made.

Agencies can only request reimbursements for modifications that are completed within the required timeframes.

11. Request for Reimbursements

Agencies may request for reimbursement costs associated with completing home modifications up to \$1000.00 per Participant Assessment on APPROVED ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENTS

Agencies must compete cost portion of Agency Accessibility Home Modification Plan and Request for Modification Reimbursement Form

Upload the updated form and all supporting receipt and invoice documentation with the required naming convention: Receipts_(AID #)_(Participant Last Name)_(Date) and AMPR_(Participant Last Name)_(New Date)

12. Notify DAIL

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Agencies will provide DAIL with notification that the reimbursement request forms and supporting documentation have been uploaded

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Notification link can be found on the new Accessibility Project web Page 3

Notification MUST include the Assessment Identification Number (AID) in order to be reviewed

Review of Changes

- No Assessment Request Form (AR) to send to Accessibility Contractor
- Accessibility Contractor will be contacting the Agency to coordinate visit dates
- Accessibility Contractor (not the Agency) will be entering visit dates in DAIL Housing Portal
- Agencies will see both required and recommended home modifications
- Agency will be required to complete and upload the Accessibility Modification Plan and Request for Modification Reimbursement Form
- Agencies must change all required and recommended modification result resolutions to 'initiate home modification' in DAIL Housing Portal

Review of Changes Cont'd

- Agencies can request reimbursements for home modifications completed within the required timeframes
- Timelines and processes will be reassessed throughout the project period before formally adopting and implementing
- Accessibility Assessments do not need to be scheduled with Home Safety inspections
- Anticipated start date is December 1st
- Contact DAIL for Accessibility Assessments needed between 11/1/2022 and before December 1st

Questions

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