



FASI Facts at a Glance

- Part of the TEFT (Testing Experience and Functional Tools) demonstration, a national demonstration grant funded by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Six states are participating in the FASI component of TEFT:
 - Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, and Minnesota
- The FASI field test will examine the function items for people served in Medicaid community-based long-term services and supports programs.
- FASI items may look similar to items in state assessment tools but are standardized to match the items in the Federal assessment tools used in nursing homes and post-acute care settings.



Questions? Comments?

We want to hear from you!

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FASI stands for Functional Assessment Standardized Items

FASI helps assessors collect information about an individual's function related to:

- Self-care (e.g. bathing, dressing)
- Mobility (e.g. transfers, ambulation)
- Instrumental activities of daily living (e.g. meal preparation, laundry)

FASI also assesses the use of and need for:

- Assistive devices
- Caregiver availability and assistance



FASI can help:

- **Reliably measure** the extent of individual abilities and their needs for assistance.
- **Effectively monitor** the quality of services provided to individuals receiving home and community based services.
- **Support** ongoing state efforts to **streamline program management activities** by using standardized assessment items across all state programs.

Why is FASI important?

Assist in Determining Eligibility for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Programs

FASI allows documentation of the individual's need for assistance with everyday activities, including changes over the past month. This can help **inform service needs** and determine eligibility for Medicaid programs.

Assist in Developing Person-Centered Service Plans

FASI supports “**person first**” assessment by asking individuals about their preferences regarding the things he or she would like to work on, related to their function and support needs, over the next six months. This information is useful in developing person-centered service plans.



Monitor Quality and Measure Program Impact

FASI uses **nationally** standardized assessment items that allow caregiving teams to **communicate across LTSS and Health Providers about an individual's functional abilities and resource needs using the same “language.”** Using this common approach for function items will enable states to examine how people at different levels of ability use, and benefit from, long term care services.

Report Across State Programs, Especially LTSS Balancing Initiatives

Using the same standardized functional items in both the community-based services and nursing facilities will allow states to **describe the cost-effectiveness** of the LTSS programs for state and national discussions about budget and “balancing” initiatives.

Update Systems to Reflect National Measurement Standards

States can benefit from the information technology efforts funded by the Federal government as the **FASI elements and interoperable codes** will be publicly available in a data library on the CMS website. States can use these codes for assessment, which align with national measurement standards.

Create Exchangeable Data Platforms

FASI can help create **exchangeable data platforms** since FASI can be used in the individual's Personal Health Record and accessed by those to whom the individual has allowed access.

