



Provider Notice

From: Magellan Healthcare

Subject: Complete CANS certification before conducting assessments

Overview

Individuals must complete the required training and certification process before conducting Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessments. Certification helps ensure assessors have the knowledge needed to accurately complete CANS assessments.

Who must be certified?

Individuals who complete CANS assessments must be certified. This includes:

- Independently licensed clinicians
- Master's-level clinicians working under approved Idaho Department of Health and Welfare supervision
- Paraprofessionals with a bachelor's degree in a human services field who are involved in the youth's care and services

What does certification require?

The CANS certification process includes:

- Complete an approved eight-hour CANS training, which includes review of the Idaho CANS Mental Health 3.0 training content
- Passing the certification exam
- Providers seeking recertification may utilize the training materials as a refresher; however, the recertification process allows providers to navigate directly to the Certification Exam from the course page.
- Obtaining access to P-CIS, the assessment system used to document CANS assessments

Where is training available?

Providers are encouraged to complete a free Idaho-specific CANS training through one of the following options:

- Idaho Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) virtual or in-person training sessions
- Agency-sponsored training coordinated with the Idaho TCOM Institute
- Alternatively, providers may complete self-paced online training through TCOMTraining.com using the Idaho General Bundle (fees may apply). Please note that the self-paced training may not include Idaho-specific information, including guidance related to YES and the implementation of CANS within Idaho's behavioral health system.

When is certification required?

- Individuals must complete training and certification before conducting CANS assessments.
- Certification must be renewed annually.
- If certification has lapsed for less than 12 months, individuals may recertify by taking the exam without repeating the full eight-hour training.

How do I become certified?

- Complete an approved eight-hour CANS training through TCOM.
- Pass the certification exam.
- Download and maintain your certification.
- Complete Magellan of Idaho training and obtain P-CIS access.
- Recertify annually.

Learn more

Visit the [Idaho TCOM Institute website](#) for training opportunities, certification resources, and additional information.

Questions?

For questions about CANS training and certification, contact the Idaho TCOM team at BHTCOM@dhw.idaho.gov.

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