



Provider Notice

From: Magellan Healthcare

Subject: Magellan updates CANS assessment: Rationale now required

Attention: New “Rationale” field added to Idaho CANS assessment

What is changing?

The Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool contains seven separate domains with each section containing multiple-items. After receiving feedback from internal and external users, Magellan has included a new item at the end of each domain in the CANS assessment tool in Magellan’s outcomes and assessments system. This new item is “Rationale.”

How is it changing?

After completing all items in a domain, the final item will be to document a rationale based on the resulting ratings. This Rationale field will be required:

Rationale
Please write a rationale for any item rated actionable ('2' or '3').
Please write a rationale for any useful strength ('0' or '1').

Why is it changing?

This change matches the format used in other versions of the CANS, including Idaho’s previous version and the format used in the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) tool. Rationales are an important part of the CANS assessment tool because they provide context, meaning, and depth that a rating alone cannot capture, and they create a shared understanding of ratings between users.

When is it changing?

We will update the assessment to include this requirement on XXXXXX.

Questions?

Please contact Magellan at IdahoProvider@MagellanHealth.com.

