Adult Long Term Care Functional Screen

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TOPIC: September 2018 Adult Functional Screen Quiz

The purpose of this document is to provide a user-friendly tool for agency screen liaisons to use to quiz screeners and improve their knowledge of screen instructions and procedures. The quiz is designed to encourage discussion among screeners in order to arrive at the correct answers. Quiz questions may be based on real-world questions that have come to the team from screeners, and this is a way to share the answers with all. The answers to the questions may not be found verbatim in the instructions manual; however, the rationales provided are correct and we would expect screeners to arrive at those answers as they apply the information in the manual.

As always do not assume any medical conditions, diagnoses, support needs, or deficits are present for any person described in any question. For instance, do not assume any person described has an intellectual disability unless the information provided tells you that the person has that diagnosis.

For the September 2018 Quiz, screeners should read over the scenario, and then review the attached screen report which contains 10 errors.

Scenario

Helen is 53 years old. When she was 47, she began having memory problems and it was found that she had a brain tumor. She had surgery to remove the tumor, which was determined to be noncancerous. However, as a result of the invasiveness of the surgery, Helen's memory issues have continued. Helen clearly states that she has constant anxiety since she received her diagnosis of having a brain tumor. Helen's current medical records indicate surgical removal of a benign brain tumor with memory loss, and seasonal allergies. She remembers the names of her children and grandchildren. However, during spring and fall she has more difficulty remembering which season it is because they can be so similar. Her husband reports that she has made lunch plans with friends and forgotten about the plans and that she has asked repeatedly about seeing a movie that they watched at the theater last weekend. Helen lives at home with her husband.

She is independent in all ADLs, occasionally needing a reminder about the weather so that she can choose appropriate clothing. These reminders are only needed in early spring and early fall and she only needs 1-2 reminders per season. Helen and her husband grocery shop together weekly after Helen has made a list. About once every other month Helen will grocery shop alone with no concerns. She and her husband prepare dinner together nightly, and Helen will make lunches from leftovers for both of them. They prepare dinner together as Helen has left the oven

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on for over 24 hours when she was cooking by herself. Helen can use the microwave to reheat leftovers and she can make herself sandwiches. Helen has a vitamin and essential oil regimen that she takes daily. While Helen is in charge of the finances, since her surgery her husband does a check of their accounts every other month, and he has not found any discrepancies or errors since she had her surgery. Helen and her husband work on laundry and chores together, as she has left clothes in the washer for several days. Helen and her husband share a single car. Helen has a valid driver's license, and she drives about once per month, usually when her husband is not working, to her sister's house. Neither her husband nor her doctor expressed any concerns over her driving. She has not had any accidents.

Helen does not need any assistance overnight. She is home alone all day while her husband is at work. Since her surgery she has dealt with locking herself out of the house, a broken water pipe and having the car break down on her. She reports that she has a brief bought of anxiety at the onset of an emergency; however she is able to calm herself to make the calls needed and respond appropriately. She is not working at this time. She has indicated that she has considered going back to work part time, however transportation to and from work is her major concern, due to only having one vehicle.