

## National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN: **Systems Improvement Alignment Tool**

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### Background

A robust system of care for CYSHCN strengthens the overall pediatric health care infrastructure, benefiting all children and supporting the potential for a healthy, productive adulthood.

The National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN is a set of structure and process standards that together represent the necessary components of a comprehensive, quality system of care for CYSHCN. These standards are grounded in the six core outcomes for systems of care for CYSHCN that were developed by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration and based on a comprehensive review of the literature, key informant interviews, case studies of standards for CYSHCN currently in use in Title V, Medicaid and health plans within selected states and consensus from the national work group. A detailed description of how the national standards were developed is available by clicking [here](#).

### What is the purpose of the Systems Improvement Alignment Tool?

The purpose of the Systems Improvement Alignment Tool is to identify existing state CYSHCN systems improvement-related efforts and alignment of those efforts that correspond to the National Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN. This tool will aid partners working in systems that serve CYSHCN to identify projects and programs in their individual sectors that have goals, objectives, or activities that focus and identify ways to improve the system that serves this population of children. This tool will enable partners to align their individual efforts and collaboratively work together to improve the system of care using the National Standards as a framework.

### Who should complete the Systems Improvement Alignment Tool?

This tool is designed to be completed by members of a **single organization**, e.g., state Medicaid, a single health plan, or the Title V program. After all organizations complete the Alignment Tool, all stakeholders engaged in serving CYSHCN will share their answers with their state partners to identify and assess potential projects and areas of collaboration across the state system of care for CYSHCN.

### How do I complete the Systems Improvement Alignment Tool?

This tool is to be completed from the perspective of your affiliation and/or organization. Determine which applicable National Standards' Domains are priorities for your state and organization—high, medium, or low priority. In thinking about the domains you want to address, use the table to list each program, project, or policy related to the Standard domains that apply to your agency. Identify the corresponding National Standard Domain, the agency leading the program/project, provide a brief description of the program/project, identify other stakeholders and partners involved in the program/project, and categorize the priority of the program/project within your state agency.

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