

9533.0180 STANDARDS FOR PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SCREENING TOOLS.

Subpart 1. **Consideration by commissioner.** On a semiannual basis, the commissioner must consider for potential approval any additional screening tools proposed. The commissioner shall consider screening tools for approval based on the criteria in subparts 2 and 3.

Subp. 2. **Required characteristics.** The screening tool must:

- A. have a reading level compatible with the population being screened;
- B. be easily administered and scored by a nonclinician;
- C. be tested in the general population and at the national level;
- D. have demonstrated adequate reliability and validity;
- E. have a minimum documented statistical sensitivity of .70 and overall specificity of .70; and
- F. predict a range of diagnosable mental health conditions, or the likelihood of substance use disorders.

Subp. 3. **Preferred characteristics.** The commissioner must also evaluate the proposed tool according to whether it meets preferred characteristics. A tool receives a more favorable evaluation when it:

- A. is concise, typically taking roughly ten minutes to complete or, for each rating scale, contains ten or fewer items;
- B. has been widely used for adults and adolescents;
- C. is available for use in a format that can be used either as part of an interview or through self-report;
- D. is validated for more than one cultural background;
- E. is validated for linguistic strength; or
- F. is recognized by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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