

**9544.0040 FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT.**

Subpart 1. **Who must conduct.** The license holder's qualified professional or an external qualified professional must conduct the functional behavior assessment. The license holder must verify and document that the qualified professional or external qualified professional conducting the assessment meets the applicable qualification requirements in part 9544.0020, subpart 17 or 47.

Subp. 2. **When required.** A functional behavior assessment is required when a qualified professional or external qualified professional develops or modifies a written intervention to change a target behavior.

Subp. 3. **Required elements.** To perform a functional behavior assessment, the qualified professional or external qualified professional must directly observe the person. The professional must evaluate whether the following elements make the target behavior more or less likely to occur:

A. biological factors, identified through a medical assessment or a dental assessment;

B. psychological factors, identified through a diagnostic or suicidality assessment;

C. environmental factors, identified through direct observation or interviewing a significant individual in the person's life; and

D. quality of life indicators based on the person's goals and needs within the domains of a meaningful life.

The professional must use the evaluation to generate a hypothesis about why the behavior occurs.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 245.8251*

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