Appendix 33 ▪ Cognitive Screening Tools Approved by CDA

Cognitive screening and monitoring of MSSP participants are critical components of the participant assessment process and are required components of the Initial Health or Psychosocial Assessment and the Reassessment.

Four cognitive tools that meet minimum program requirements and are approved by CDA are:

Folstein Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) available through Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. (PAR, Inc). Fee for use.
MMSE Cognitive Assessment Tool

Saint Louis University Mental Status Examination (SLUMS) available at no cost.
SLUMS Cognitive Assessment Tool

Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire (SPMSQ) available at no cost.
SPMSQ Cognitive Assessment Tool

Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) available at no cost.
MoCA Tool

A cognitive screening tool must be attempted for each assessment. If a participant is unable to complete due to a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease, dementia or neurodegenerative disease, the site should complete one of the following tools instead:

Functional Assessment Staging Tool for Dementia (FAST) available at no cost.
FAST Scale PDF
FAST Scale With Scoring Explained
Video on how to use the FAST scale for dementia:
YouTube FAST how-to video.

Dementia Severity Rating Scale (DSRS) available at no cost.
DSRS PDF

If the participant is unable to complete either tool, the reason must be documented on the assessment or in the progress notes.