

The form is designed for either the client or Worker to complete and may be completed in the office or at the client's home. Allowing the client to take it home to complete gives him the opportunity to think about his strengths, what he wants to change about his life and what he would like to obtain for himself and his family. If the Worker asks the client to complete the form at home and return it prior to the home visit, there is no penalty for failure to return the self-completed form. Instead, the Worker will take another form to the home visit and complete it at that time.

If desired, the Worker may complete the first full SSP in the client's home during the home visit, after reviewing the appraisal form and all other assessment information, eRAPIDS must be updated with this information as soon as possible after this.

Additional helpful information in the workbook "Making Case Management Work" may be used by the Worker and is available in each District office.

The product of the ongoing assessment process is a series of SSP's that reflect the client's changing circumstances and tasks that move him toward self-sufficiency. Failure, without good cause, to keep appointments to initiate or continue the assessment process indicates a failure/refusal to cooperate or participate. When the first home visit is scheduled in writing, a second appointment need not be made before imposing a sanction, unless the applicant has good cause or contacts the Worker to reschedule the appointment. When the first home visit is unscheduled, a sanction may not be imposed for failure to be available. Instead, the Worker must schedule a second appointment in writing. Failure, without good cause, to keep the second appointment or reschedule it results in imposition of a sanction.

The Worker may provide written notice of the appointment by including it on the initial SSP or by using any approved appointment forms. The written notice may be given to him during the interview or may be mailed. If no record of the issuance of the notice will be shown in RAPIDS or on a signed SSP, the Worker must record that such a notice was issued and include the date/time of the appointment. When a letter is mailed scheduling the appointment the Worker must allow no less than 7 calendar days. This period begins the day following the date the letter is requested in RAPIDS or when a manual letter is sent.

D. ASSESSMENT TESTING

In assessing the client's current situation and negotiating the SSP, the Worker must explore family situations, education, work history, skills, aptitudes, attitude toward work, employment potential, possible social services or other support systems including physical, mental and emotional fitness, and the need for support service payments. Form **DFA-WVW-3A** may be used as an interviewing guide, but the areas explored are not limited to those on the form. Individual circumstances may require varying degrees of exploration. The Worker may include educational assessment testing. Assessment testing consists of the Learning Needs Screening, Mental Health Screening, Test of Adult Basic