

CANS Smart Template and Powerform Update Quick Guide

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is a multi-purpose tool developed to support care planning and level of care decision-making, to facilitate quality improvement initiatives, and to allow for the monitoring of outcomes of services. Recently, some updates were made to the **CANS** portion of the PowerForm

CANS Form Suggested Use	
Form Status	Form Suggestion
Initial	Must be completed after an Admin Close if continuing treatment
Re-Assessment	Not Suggested
Discharge	Not Suggested
Administrative Close	Suggested
Urgent	Not Suggested

Form History Smart Template		
Performed On	Facility Performed At	Form Status
01/01/2023	CYS CM	Reassessment
07/18/2022	CYS CM	Initial

Assessor:

Form Status: Initial Reassessment Discharge Administrative Close Urgent

Reference Text
Initial: Can only be completed once, and during the Intake process. Please use the smart template above to confirm that an Initial is Suggested. Verify that Coordination of Care has been considered, and your program is responsible for administering CANS.
Reassessment: Can only be completed within 5-7 months of a previous Reassessment or an Initial. Please use the smart template above to confirm a Re-Assessment is Suggested.
Discharge: Can only be completed within 5-7 months of the most recent CANS. Please use the smart template above to confirm a Discharge is Suggested.
Administrative Close: Can only be used when completing a closing CANS less than 5 months, or more than 7 months since the most recently completed CANS. Please use the smart template above to confirm an Admin Close is Suggested.
Urgent: Can only be used if completing a CANS form outside of the above categories. For example, the clients treatment plan changes radically.

The latest updates include the following:

1. A new smart template designed to guide and support providers when determining which **Form Status** to select. The smart template updates dynamically based on the most recently completed CANS form.
2. An updated **Form History Smart Template** that shows data from previously completed CANS forms which includes the **Performed On** date, the **Facility Performed At**, and the **Form Status**.
3. Updated **Reference Text** that explains the timelines and requirements for each of the Form Status'.
4. A prompt that appears after selecting the Form Status alerting providers to confirm the choice is correct by reviewing the **Reference Text** and the new **Form Status** Smart Template.

CANS Form Suggested Use Smart Template (New)

CANS Form Suggested Use	
Form Type	Form Suggestion
Initial	Suggested
Re-Assessment	Not Suggested
Discharge	Not Suggested
Administrative Close	Not Suggested
Urgent	Not Suggested

The new smart template will show providers which form they should complete based on the most recently completed CANS form. These suggestions are merely guidance and should be confirmed by following the Reference Text (seen below) as well as the CANS Form History Smart Template (seen below) to determine which Form Status to use. **Please keep in mind that if the previous form was incorrectly entered into the system, the Smart Template might result incomplete or inaccurate**

information.

Reference Text (Updated)

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The Reference Text has been updated to further explain the timelines required for the CANS form(s) to be accepted by the state. This reference text should be used alongside the CANS Form Suggested Use Smart Template (seen above) and the Form History Smart Template (seen below) to determine which Form Status to select. **If your anticipated Form Status is showing as Not Suggested, you can use this Reference Text to determine what might be causing this result.**

Form History Smart Template (Updated)

Form History Smart Template		
Performed On	Facility Performed At	Form Status
01/01/2023	CYS CM	Reassessment
07/18/2022	CYS CM	Initial

This smart template has been moved and updated to include the Facility Performed At (and replaces the Assessor). This smart template is to be used as a resource along with the Reference Text (shown above) to determine if the timeline is correct for the Form Status you are planning to complete.