Hi Jane,

Thank you for taking the time to pass along these comments on the Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program Information Collection. We are collating and analyzing all input to determine changes for the data collection forms.

I will let you know if I have any follow-up questions.

When this 60-day comment period is over, the input will be analyzed.  Another 30-day Federal Register Notice will be published with summary info.

Sincerely,

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Hello

I have implemented Matter of Balance since 2008.

I don’t know anyone who is using even a fraction of the data submitted. My agency is not. We collect it but have not used it and haven’t been asked to summarize it. And for any data submitted to funders, have not received summaries back. At this point, any organization who is using Title III-D funds is already implementing the highest level of evidence based programming. To continue to collect pre and post is burdensome. Particularly during the pandemic for remote programming, to receive surveys back (particularly post) was futile.

I can understand asking for demographic information. To ask how many/what chronic conditions you have is somewhat redundant unless you want to cross promote programs. There’s already the statistic out there if you’re 60+ you have one or more chronic conditions. Not that folks generally identify as having a chronic condition. As for pre and post questions, isn’t it just evidence of the evidence?

As for the summary of this feedback, where will we find it when the comment period is over?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jane

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