



Practice Points

Non-CA/N Referrals Are Not Priors for CA/N Risk Assessments

The purpose of this Practice Point is to remind staff Non-CA/N Referrals are not intended to be counted as prior reports when completing the Risk Assessment in the course of a CA/N Investigation or Family Assessment. The Risk Assessment was derived from the evidence-based Structured Decision Making (SDM) model, which does not account for those situations categorized by the Division as Non-CA/N Referrals. When Non-CA/N Referrals are counted as a prior in the completion of the Risk Assessment, it may alter the model's ability to inform Division staff with regard to the guidelines established in [Section 3.1 Case Opening Criteria](#).

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