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Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth Assessment- A key component of Northstar Care for Children

Northstar Care for Children is designed to improve permanent outcomes for children in Minnesota, particularly for older children in Minnesota. In Minnesota, different rate assessment tools have been used to assess children at different points on the permanency continuum. The Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY or Assessment tool) determines the supplemental portion of a child benefit, if any, for children in child foster care settings, who move forward to TPLPC or adoption. Minnesota has also paid foster care at one of the highest national rates, while paying some of the lowest rates for adoptive care.

Foster parents who adopted a child in their care experienced a decrease in the child's monthly benefit between 40 and 70 percent. The MAPCY is designed to address the child benefit imbalance for children moving from foster care into permanency. The MAPCY assessment tool will be used to determine the supplemental portion of a child benefit, if any, for children: in family foster care, receiving Northstar Kinship Assistance, or receiving Northstar Adoption Assistance. The Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth, or 'MAPCY' tool, replaces the previous supplemental difficulty of care tool, or "DOC", that is utilized for children currently receiving pre-Northstar foster care benefits.

Uniform Assessment

The assessment tool is a less subjective assessment for determining benefits for children in placement; it is a unified rate structure, rate setting process, and assessment tool that follows the child from foster care through to permanency. The MAPCY tool focuses on assessing the individual needs of the child in conjunction with the level of parenting required. The new MAPCY tool is far more consistent, and less subjective, than the current DOC Assessment. It is a uniform tool with unified benefits – meaning, it is an assessment tool that follows the child from foster care to permanency as applicable. The MAPCY tool accounts for factors regarding the child's experiences that have not previously been taken into consideration. For example, the assessment tool considers the number of placements a child has experienced.

Pre-Northstar DOC and MAPCY Assessment

Children who are already in placement on January 1, 2015 will continue in care on their current DOC Assessment until such a time as either their placement setting changes (move from one foster home to another), or the status of their placement changes (foster care to TPLPC or adoption) at which time the new MAPCY tool will be completed. There is no change to group homes, residential treatment, or other similar types of out of home placement settings due to MAPCY. Pre-Northstar Care benefits are retained for children already in placement prior to January 1, 2015. Pre-Northstar benefits will be slowly phased out as children either exit care, transition to other placement settings, or move into permanency.

Beginning January 1, 2015, all children entering foster care must have a Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY) tool completed within 30 days of the date of placement. Additionally, a MAPCY will be required for children moving from a pre-Northstar foster care placement when a status change occurs.

A status change includes:

- Move from one foster home to a different foster home
- Foster home to Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative (TPLPC) and Northstar Kinship Assistance benefits(NKA)

- Foster home to Termination of Parental Rights or Consent to Adopt and Northstar Adoption Assistance benefits (NAA)
- Foster home to EFC-SIL

Eligible settings include

- Family foster homes (BRASS Code 181)
- “Shelter care” in a child family foster home/Relative Care
- Therapeutic foster home (BRASS Code 180)
- Includes foster homes licensed through a private agency
- Includes corporate foster homes
- Includes youth in Extended Foster Care settings
- Youth in Supervised Independent Living (BRASS Code 188)

Ineligible settings include

- respite care (BRASS code 189),
- Group homes, residential treatment centers, or any other similar placement settings.

The MAPCY assessment process will result in assigning each child one of 17 levels from A to Q with associated payment rates for levels B through Q. Level A is assigned for children who are determined to be at-risk children for Northstar Adoption Assistance. Level B represents the basic maintenance benefit with no supplemental difficulty of care payment.

Levels B-L can be approved at the local agency level. There are five additional Extraordinary levels for children with higher needs, levels M-Q. Extraordinary levels are certified at the agency level, but must be approved by the state. The standard MAPCY levels, and any Extraordinary levels if applicable, together yield the total monthly provider rate.

Typically the ‘legally responsible’ agency is the same as the ‘financially responsible’ agency regarding a child’s placement. When these entities are different, it is recommended that the ‘Assessor’ be the ‘legally responsible’ agency, and the ‘Approver’ be the ‘financially responsible’ agency in SSIS. Both agencies must work together when two agencies are involved in a child’s placement. If either agency does not have SSIS, paper copies of the MAPCY document may be used.

MAPCY Timelines

- Initially complete for qualifying placements within 30 days of the start date of the continuous placement.
 - Best practice is to assess and approve the MAPCY by day 30.
 - Best practice for Approval review is within five business days
- Reassessed at six months from the date of the MAPCY assessment,
- Reassessed annually thereafter for children in foster care,
- Reassessed each time the placement setting changes
 - *A new Assessment is not required if a child is moving from foster care to either TPLPC and NKA OR TPR/Consent to Adopt and NAA with the same resource family*
- Reassessed upon request of the placement provider
- Reassessed at the determination of the local agency

Emergency Foster Care Payment Rate

Children who enter foster care due to immediate custody by a police officer or court order may receive the emergency foster care payment rate for up to 30 days. The emergency foster care

payment rate is the basic (age based) daily rate plus Level D for the supplemental difficulty-of-care daily rate.

This payment rate will apply if one of the following conditions is met:

1. The child's initial placement must be in foster care in Minnesota;
2. The child's previous placement was more than two years ago; or
3. The child's previous placement was for fewer than 30 days and an assessment was not completed using MAPCY.

When a child is receiving the emergency foster care rate and the MAPCY assessment is not completed within 30 days, the foster care payment rate drops to Level B on day 31 and remains at that level until the MAPCY assessment is completed. Upon completion of the initial MAPCY (including approval), if the rate is higher than Level D, the higher rate must be retroactive to the date of the initial placement. If the rate is lower than Level D, the new rate must take effect on the date that the MAPCY was approved, but not before the 30th day of the emergency level. An agency may choose to complete the MAPCY assessment for any child in foster care rather than utilize the emergency foster care rate.

The Emergency Foster Care Rate applies ONLY during the first 30 days of a continuous placement for foster care. After that it expires. Ordinarily, the assessor sets the effective date of a MAPCY assessment in the set-up screen. However, SSIS overrides that date upon approval if this is the first approved assessment for a particular home.

15.1 MAPCY functioning for the initial 30 days of placement has been changed. User alerts have been updated to include warnings when the effective date may be changed by the SSIS.

- If the MAPCY rating is Level D or higher:
 - SSIS sets the effective date of the MAPCY back to the beginning of the placement.
 - note that this does not change from the way SSIS works now
- If the MAPCY rating is Level B or C, then:
 - If the MAPCY approval date is before the 31st day
 - SSIS sets the effective date of the MAPCY to the date the MAPCY was approved.
 - If the MAPCY approval date is on or after the 31st day,
 - SSIS sets the effective date of the MAPCY to the 31st day of the continuous placement.

Agencies may choose to pay more than the Level D rate for the initial 30 days; however that portion is then agency share only, and must be delineated with a Special Cost Code of 96. If they choose to pay less than Level D, Special cost Code 10 should be utilized. More information is available in [SSIS Update #411](#); the DHS Bulletin [#14-32-11, Northstar Care for Children Maintenance and Supplemental Difficulty of Care Payment Rates](#), and on the [SSIS home page](#).

MAPCY Payment Issues

- DHS continues to issue payments for legacy Adoption Assistance.
- DHS will issue payments for the new Northstar Kinship Assistance and Northstar Adoption Assistance.
- Agencies will issue Northstar Foster Care payments based upon the MAPCY assessment.

- Agencies will issue payments for legacy foster care until all applicable children either age out of placement or transition into Northstar Care.
- Agencies will continue to issue Relative Custody Assistance payments until it is phased out.
- Agencies will continue to issue Minnesota Permanency Demonstration payments until this program is phased out.
- Service Arrangements change to include MAPCY. Rates are auto-calculated in SSIS and are based on an approved MAPCY only; no manual entry of a rate is permitted, nor can payments for foster care be made without a matching placement entry

Changes in SSIS:

Changes due to the MAPCY tool are notable in several different SSIS locations:

- The MAPCY tool is located in the same Tree View folder that currently houses the DOC Assessment.
- Blank MAPCY tools may be printed from this location, as well as from Tools – General Reports - if desired in order to complete the tool with foster parents, Kinship care providers, and/or adoptive parents.
- Two new folders are on the Approval Log, **MAPCY Assessments** and **Extraordinary levels**.
- MAPCY is included with Service Arrangements.
- Staff members need **Approver MAPCY** and/or **Assessor MAPCY** role assigned to them in SSIS Administration prior to being able to open and Assess a MAPCY or Approve a MAPCY. Information on roles is available in the [Security Administration – General Security](#) module

Additional Resources

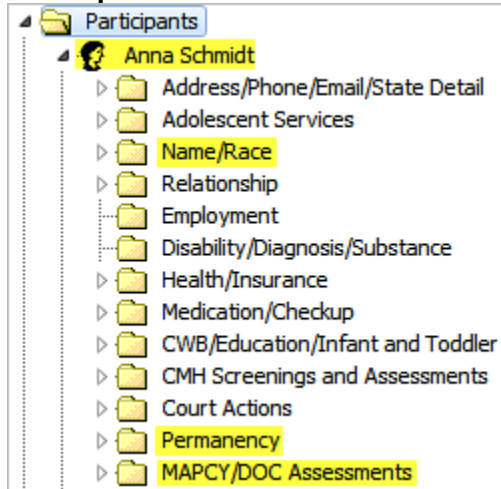
- [Northstar Care for Children Practice Guide](#)
- [Bulletin # 14-32-11: Northstar Care for Children Maintenance and Supplemental Difficulty of Care Payment Rates](#)
- [Bulletin # 14-32-10: Pre-Northstar Foster Care Program Maintenance Rates](#)
- [SSIS Home page](#): (Worker and Fiscal)

Minnesota Assessment of Parenting Children and Youth:

Before Opening a MAPCY in SSIS

All staff will need **Approver MAPCY** and/or **Assessor MAPCY** role assigned to them in SSIS Administration prior to being able to open and Assess a MAPCY or Approve a MAPCY. Information on roles is available in the [Security Administration – General Security](#) module. To ensure that the child's information merges correctly into the Setup tab of a new MAPCY tool, review the following client information before opening the MAPCY. Ensure that the information is entered, and update any existing data as needed.

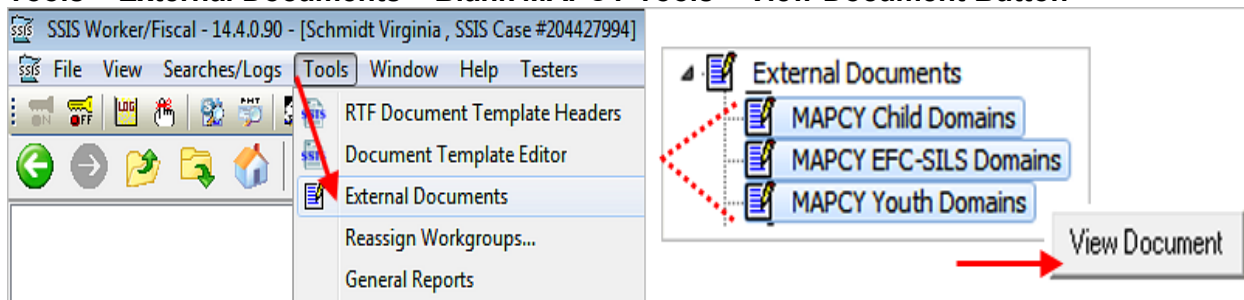
Participants Folder – Client Node and Folders



- Client Node
 - Legal Name, DOB and Gender,
 - Hispanic Heritage and ICWA status
- Name/Race folder
 - All relevant Races
 - American Indian Race if ICWA
- Permanency folder
 - Continuous Placement
 - Placement/Location/Absence
- MAPCY/DOC Assessments folder
 - Prior DOC Assessments

Blank MAPCY tools are available to assist in answering the questions in conjunction with the foster parents. A blank MAPCY tool is available from several locations in SSIS.

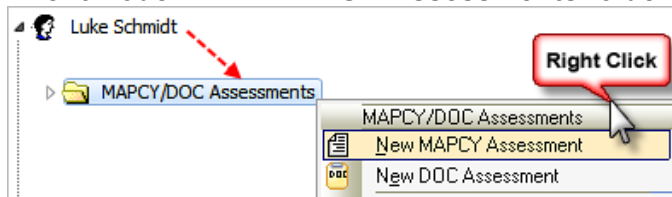
Tools – External Documents – Blank MAPCY Tools – View Document Button



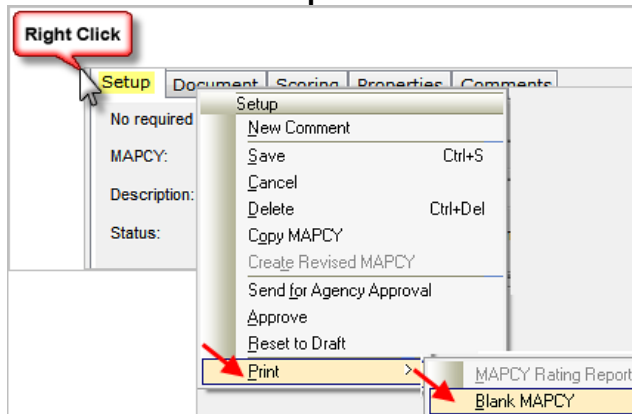
To print a blank MAPCY tool outside of a workgroup:

1. Click **Tools** and select **External Documents** in the Action menu.
2. Expand the **External Documents** folder and scroll to the **MAPCY** selections.
3. Select the desired **MAPCY** tool based upon the age of the child.
4. Beneath the **Details** tab click the **View Document** button.
5. The blank **MAPCY** tool displays.
6. Click the **Print** icon to print the document.

Hint: It may be easiest to print a blank document from External Documents to avoid opening a MAPCY tool in a workgroup before you are ready to enter the data.

Client Node – MAPCY/DOC Assessments folder – Action Menu – New MAPCY**To print a blank MAPCY tool from within a workgroup:**

1. Expand the child's Client node.
2. Click on the **MAPCY/DOC Assessments** folder.
3. Right-click and select **New MAPCY Assessment** in the Action menu.
4. Select the desired tool in the **MAPCY** field based upon the age of the child.
5. The MAPCY tool displays beneath its own **Setup** tab.

MAPCY Folder – Setup Tab – Action Menu – Print – Blank MAPCY

6. Right-click on the **Setup** tab and select **Print**, then select **Blank MAPCY**.

Hint: Click Refresh if the Print Blank MAPCY feature doesn't initially enable.

7. The blank **MAPCY** tool displays.
8. Click the **Print** icon to print the document.

Hint: The same Print Blank MAPCY option is also available from the following locations within an SSIS workgroup:

- The MAPCY node with the paper icon in the Tree View
- The Scoring node beneath the MAPCY node in the Tree View
- The Scoring tab on the Standard MAPCY screen.

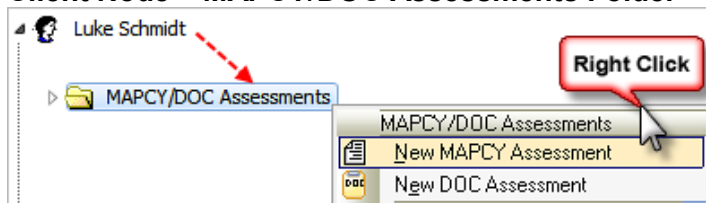
Hint: Right-clicking on the Document tab, or the Document node in the Tree View, will print the completed MAPCY tool, but not a blank document. Only those sections that have the completed check mark will print.

Minnesota Assessment of Parenting Children and Youth: Setup Tab

After 1, 2015, all children entering foster care must have a Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth or MAPCY tool completed within 30 days of the date of placement. Additionally, a MAPCY will be required for children when a status change occurs: moving to a new child foster care placement, moving from foster care to permanency, or if a Commissioner Transition occurs for a child previously receiving a legacy permanency benefit.

Staff need **Approver MAPCY** and/or **Assessor MAPCY** role assigned to them in SSIS Administration prior to being able to open and Assess a MAPCY or Approve a MAPCY. Information on roles is available in the [Security Administration – General Security](#) module.

Client Node – MAPCY/DOC Assessments Folder – New MAPCY Assessment



To open a New MAPCY Assessment:

1. Beneath the **Participants** folder, expand the Client node.
2. Right-click on the **MAPCY/DOC Assessments** folder.
3. Select **New MAPCY Assessment**.
4. The **Setup** tab displays.

MAPCY Setup Tab – MAPCY Tool Selection

To complete a MAPCY Setup tab:

1. In the **MAPCY** field, select which MAPCY tool to complete based upon the age of the child or youth.
2. The MAPCY tool displays beneath its own **Setup** tab.
3. Enter the appropriate date in the **Effective Date** field that corresponds with the first date of placement.
4. The **Description** field is editable.
5. Note that the **Status** field displays as **Draft**. The **Complete Date** field later autofills with the date you send the MAPCY for approval, and the **Agency Approval Date** field later autofills with the date the MAPCY is approved.
6. Complete the **Document** tab fields (in a Child or Youth MAPCY only)
 - a. **Purpose** field: choose one of the six options from the drop-down menu to select the reason for the MAPCY

- b. **Is there Placement data to autofill?** field: select **Yes** or **No** to indicate if the child currently is in Placement and this placement is entered in the SSIS in your agency
 - i. If **No** is selected:
 1. The Placement Information Section on the Setup tab will not display below because there is not Placement information to autofill into the MAPCY.
 2. Additional text boxes display: **Caregiver Address**, **Caregiver 1**, and **Caregiver 2**. Type the information in the fields.

MAPCY setup tab - Document field

Document: Child Domains (Ages 0-12)

Agency: Test County Family Services

Agency name: Test County Family Services

County or tribe or agency: Dodge

Purpose: [Dropdown menu open with options: Foster care benefit level, Initial permanency benefit level (NAA or NKA), Post permanency reassessment (NAA or NKA), Courtesy assessment for another agency or state, Fair Hearing permanency benefit level, Legally but not financially responsible agency]

Is there placement data to autofill? [Dropdown menu set to 'no']

Assessment: [Dropdown menu with options: yes, no]

MAPCY Setup tab – Agency fields

Agency: Test County Family Services

Agency name: Test County Family Services

County or tribe or agency: Dodge

Purpose: Legally but not financially responsible agency

Is there placement data to autofill? no

Caregiver Address: [Text box]

Caregiver 1: [Text box]

Caregiver 2: [Text box]

7. The **Assessment** section autofills.
8. Select the name of the caseworker completing the MAPCY with the foster care providers in the **Assessor** field.

MAPCY Setup Tab – Assessor field

Assessor	
Assessor:	Socialworker, Jane
Full name:	Jane Socialworker
Phone:	
E-mail:	

9. The **Child or Youth** field displays the name and related information of the client under the node in which the MAPCY is opened. Review the merge fields to ensure that the information is accurate.

MAPCY Setup Tab – Child or Youth field

Child or Youth	
Child or Youth:	George G Young
Name:	George G Young
Actual or estimated age:	8 years
Actual or estimated date of birth:	01/01/2006
Gender:	Male
Hispanic heritage:	No
Qualifies under ICWA:	No
Race information:	Caucasian
Most recent DOC:	35

10. The child's current out of home placement displays in the **Placements** field *only* if **Yes** was chosen for the field **Is there Placement data to autofill?** in the Documents section of the Setup tab.
11. Review the merge fields in both the **Placement Information** and **Continuous Placement** sections to ensure that the information is accurate.

MAPCY Setup Tab – Placement Information field

Placement Information	
Placements:	Placement
Setting:	Pre-kinship home - relative
Caregiver 1:	Judy Valentine
Caregiver 2:	Jay Valentine
Bus org - provider:	Valentine Foster Home
Placement W/G program:	CP
Days in placement:	430
SSIS Bus Org #:	102306250
Placement workgroup #:	203579902
Caregiver 1 person #:	101998199
Caregiver 2 person #:	101998196
Continuous Placement	
Continuous placements:	9/1/2013
Supervising agency:	County social services
Caregiver address	
Caregiver 1 address:	Physical location
Formatted address:	222 Western Ave St Paul, MN 55102

12. In the **Caregiver 1 address** field, select an address in the menu if the correct address displays.

13. Click **Save**. Click on the **Document** tab

Hints:

- If data is missing, or inaccurate, on any Setup tab, it must be entered in the Tree View. Return to the corresponding Tree View folder, enter or correct the information, and click Save. Return to the Setup tab, click the Display Setup button, and return to the merge field. If the data doesn't display, click the Refresh button
- If no address, or an incorrect address, displays, this information must be added or corrected in the Business Organization Search. Addresses display in this field only if entered in the Individual Provider's folder, within an Individual Provider's Client node, and in their specific Address/Phone/Email/State Detail folder OR from their Bus. Org address. Note: If there is no address under the Individual Provider folder for Caregiver 1 then no address will appear, even if there is an address for Caregiver 2.
- Responsible Party and address fields are required for EFC-SIL templates - Foster Home - Corporate/Shift Staff setting

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Document Tab

The Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY) tool looks at both the needs of the child, and the parenting required to meet those identified child needs. Because the MAPCY tool documents the child's needs and parenting attention received, whether in foster care, kinship care or adoption, it is important that it be accurately completed with information from both the foster care providers and the child. For detailed guidance, refer to the MAPCY Practice Guide.

Staff need **Approver MAPCY** and/or **Assessor MAPCY** role assigned to them in SSIS Administration prior to being able to open and Assess a MAPCY or Approve a MAPCY. Information on roles is available in the [Security Administration – General Security](#) module.

If returning to complete the MAPCY tool, you may click the Display Setup button on the Setup tab to verify the specific tool selected. Different domains are assessed depending upon the “sub-tool” selected on the on the Setup tab. For example, child care domains are not included for youth ages 13 and older.

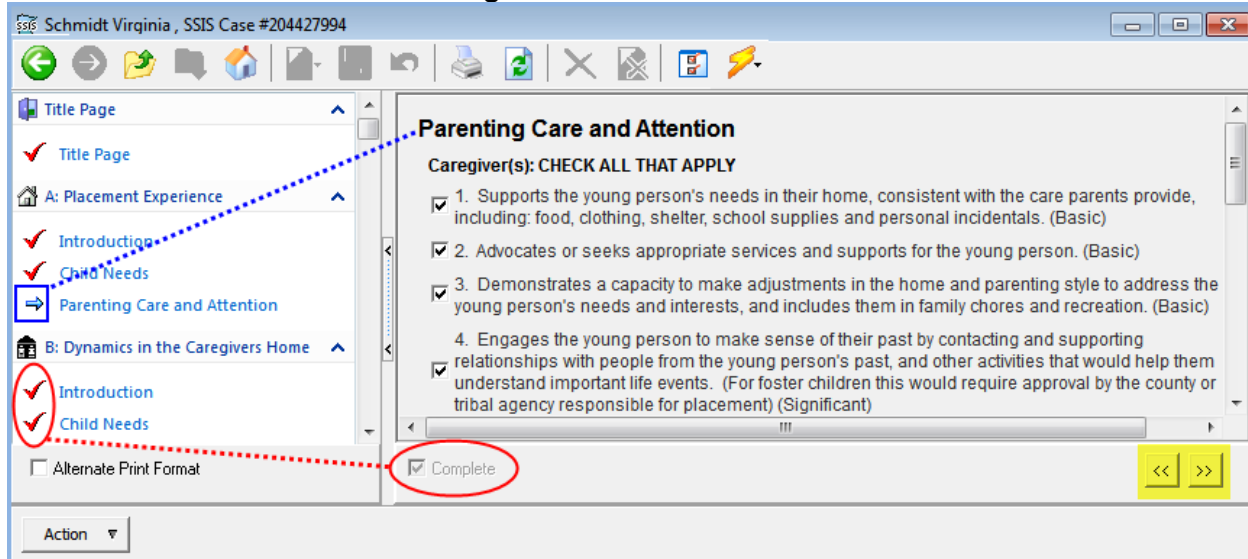
MAPCY Tool - Setup tab - Display Setup

The screenshot shows the 'Setup' tab of the MAPCY tool configuration. The 'Document' sub-tab is active. The form contains the following fields:

- MAPCY: Youth Domains (Ages 13 and older, not EFC-SIL)
- Effective Date: 11/22/2014
- Description: Youth Domains (Ages 13 and older, not EFC-SIL)
- Status: Draft
- Complete Date: (empty)
- Agency Approval Date: (empty)
- Revision: 0

A red arrow points to the 'Display Setup' button located at the bottom left of the form area.

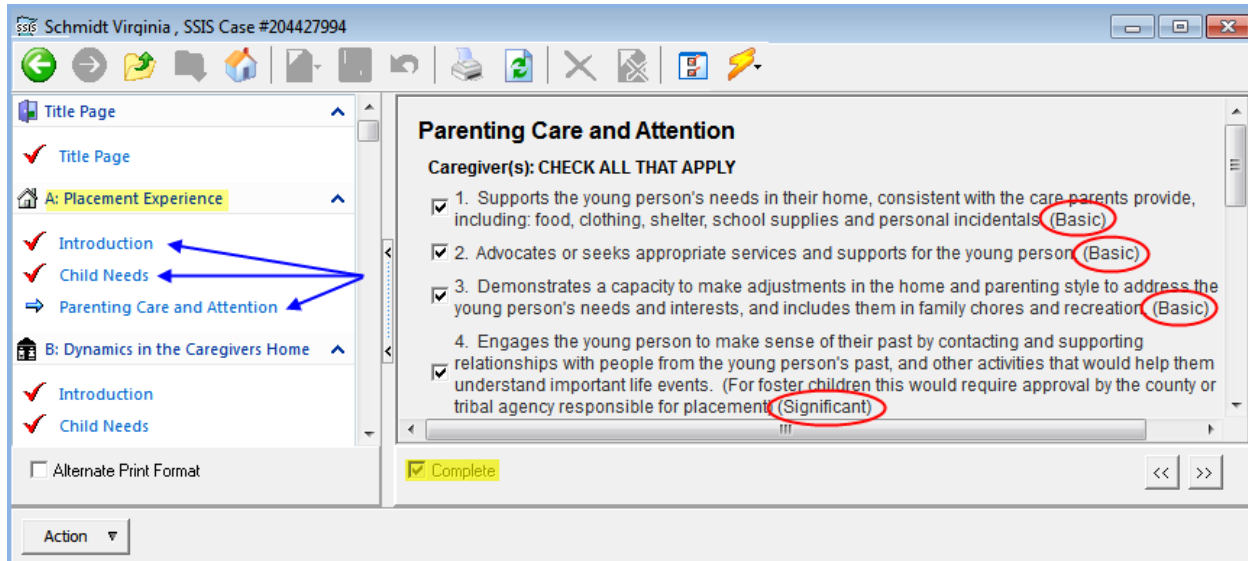
MAPCY Tool Document Tab - Navigation



The functionality of the MAPCY screens is similar to that of SSIS State Service Plans;

- The Navigation bar lists each domain for the selected MAPCY tool.
- The **blue arrow** in the Navigation bar indicates the screen that displays to the right. Navigate between screens by clicking different nodes in the Navigation bar, or clicking the double arrow buttons at the bottom right of the screen.
- Click **Complete** at the bottom of each screen after selecting the relevant checkboxes. Note that if you click **Complete**, and then make a change to that screen, the checkmark no longer displays in the **Complete** checkbox. No data entry is lost if **Complete** is not selected, simply return to the screen and select it.
- When the **Complete** checkbox is selected, a **red checkmark** displays next to that node in the Navigation bar. This indicates that this screen will print as part of the completed MAPCY paper document.
- Navigate between screens by clicking on Navigation bar nodes, or by clicking the double arrow buttons at the bottom right of the screen.

MAPCY Tool Document Tab – Domain Nodes and Screens



To complete the Document tab screens:

1. Read each **Introduction** screen carefully. Note that the Introduction screen requires no data entry. Each Introduction screen provides information specific to completing that domain. Note that the **Complete** checkbox is already selected for each Introduction node.
2. Complete the associated **Child Needs** screen. Only one checkbox can be selected on each Child Needs screen. Click **Complete**.
3. Complete the associated **Parenting Care and Attention** screen. Select either all that apply, or make only one selection, depending upon the directions provided. Click **Complete**.
4. At the end of each domain, complete the free text box, **Explain if you selected parenting indicators of Extensive or Exceptional** if either such rating was selected for any of the parenting indicators. Provide explanations as to why these selections are appropriate for the child and/or pertinent to the parenting of the child. Click **Complete**.
5. When all screens are complete, click **Save**.

Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth:

Scoring Tab

Scoring of the **Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY)** is done automatically in SSIS. An **Effective Date** must be entered on the **Setup tab**, and all relevant checkboxes must be selected on the **Document tab's** screens, or the tool will not score.

Scoring Standard MAPCY and Extraordinary Level MAPCY

All MAPCYs will have a standard MAPCY score after the document is complete. Scoring occurs on the Scoring tab. Child and Youth MAPCY Assessments may qualify for an extraordinary level increase. The combination of Child Needs and Parenting Indicators selected on the MAPCY Document tab indicate that the child may qualify for Extraordinary Levels, then after the **Score** button on the Scoring tab has been selected, an Extraordinary Levels tab displays to the left of the screen beneath the Standard MAPCY tab.

MAPCY Tool – Scoring Tab

Domain	Needs Rating	Indicator Rating	Regular Points	Special Points	Total Points
<No data to display>					

Starting Benefit Level
 Child Care Level Increase
 Standard Benefit Level

Status:

Current Approved Level:

To score a MAPCY:

1. Select the **Scoring** tab of the MAPCY.
2. Click the **Score** button on the **Scoring** tab.

Scoring Tab - Standard MAPCY Scoring Grid

The screenshot shows the 'Scoring' tab of the MAPCY tool. On the left, a vertical sidebar contains 'Standard MAPCY' and 'Extraordinary Levels'. The main area features a table with the following data:

Domain	Needs Rating	Indicator Rating	Regular Points	Special Points	Total Points
A. Placement Experience	d	Exceptional	12		12
B. Dynamics in the Caregiver's Home	b	Basic	2		2
C. Supervision, Guidance, & Structure	a	Significant	3	0	3
D1. Mental Health	a				
D2. Physical Health	a	Basic	1	0	1
D3. Development	a				
E. Preserving Connections	a	Basic	1		1
F. Developing Identity	a	Significant	2	0	2
G. Education	a	Basic	1	4	5
			22	4	26

Below the table, there are several input fields:

- Starting Benefit Level:
- Child Care Level Increase:
- Standard Benefit Level: Status:
- Current Approved Level:

- Once scored, the MAPCY scoring displays. This includes the **Needs Rating** for each **Domain** along with the associated **Points**. A **Starting Benefit Level**, **Child Care Level Increase** (if applicable), **Standard Benefit level** and corresponding **Status**, and the **Current Approved Level**.

Hint: If changes must be made to the MAPCY tool, an error message displays.

Scoring Tab – Extraordinary Levels Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Scoring' tab with the 'Extraordinary Levels' sub-tab selected. The main area contains the following text and controls:

[Based on this young person's score, needs, and supervision level, it is possible that this young person qualifies for one or more Extraordinary Level Increases. Please consider these questions:](#)

Resides with Caregiver:
Does this young person currently physically reside with the caregiver(s) in the caregiver(s) home?

Yes
 No (this child is not eligible for Extraordinary Level Increases)

On the right side, there are several controls:

- Status:
- Standard Benefit Level:
- Extraordinary Level Increase:
- Standard + Extraordinary:
- Current Approved Level:
-

- If an **Extraordinary Levels** sub-tab displays when the **Score** button on the **Scoring** tab is selected, the child may be eligible for an Extraordinary Level increase.
- Answer any questions that display in the order they display. Note that answering one question may result in additional questions displaying.

Scoring Tab – Extraordinary Levels Tab Score button

The screenshot shows the 'Scoring' tab in the SSIS application. The 'Extraordinary Levels' sub-tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. The main content area contains several sections with radio button options:

- Resides with Caregiver:** Does this young person currently physically reside with the caregiver(s) in the caregiver(s) home?
 - Yes
 - No (this child is not eligible for Extraordinary Level Increases)
- Prevents Residential Placement:** Do you certify that but for placement with this caregiver(s), this young person would be in residential placement?
 - Yes, I so certify
 - No (this child is not eligible for Extraordinary Level Increases)
- Agency Screening:** Minnesota Statutes, sections 245.4885, 256B.092 and 260C.157 requires responsible social service agency screening teams to determine the child's level of care. Did the agency screening team or the comparable process conducted by a tribal social service agency determine the child's level of care need would be residential placement WITHOUT the parental care of this caregiver?
 - Yes
 - Pending
 - No (this child is not eligible for Extraordinary Level Increases)

Below these sections is an 'Agency Screening Date' dropdown menu set to '01/01/2015' and a 'Description of Care' text area containing the text: 'Child Needs are... How the resource family meets the specific and unique needs of the child...'. On the right side, the 'Status' is 'Draft', and there are checkboxes for 'Standard Benefit Level', 'Extraordinary Level Increase', and 'Standard + Extraordinary'. A 'Current Approved Level' dropdown is set to 'Not Approved'. A yellow box highlights the 'Score' button, with a mouse cursor pointing to it.

- When all questions are answered on the Extraordinary Levels sub-tab select the **Score** button.
 - The Extraordinary Levels are scored on the on the Extraordinary Levels sub-tab.
 - If you mistakenly click the score button on the *Standard* MAPCY tab the system will display the Extraordinary Levels tab again.

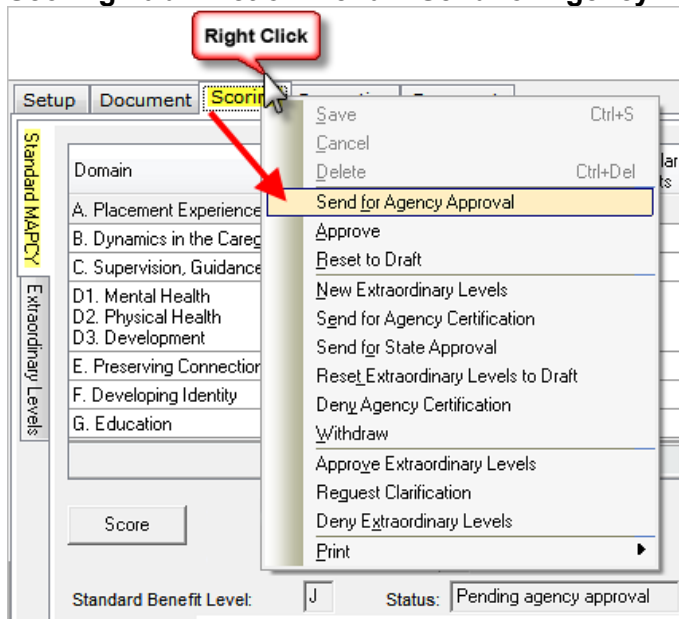
Scoring Tab – Extraordinary Levels Tab Score

- Once the Extraordinary level sub-tab is scored, the MAPCY scoring displays. This includes the **Needs Rating** for each **Domain** along with the associated **Points**. The following scoring features display: Starting Benefit Level, Child Care Level Increase, Standard Benefit Level and related Status, Extraordinary level increase and Status, and the Standard + Extraordinary.

Scoring Tab – Standard MAPCY Scoring tab with Extraordinary Levels

Domain	Needs Rating	Indicator Rating	Regular Points	Special Points	Total Points
A. Placement Experience	d	Exceptional	12		12
B. Dynamics in the Caregiver's Home	b	Basic	2		2
C. Supervision, Guidance, & Structure	d	Exceptional	15	9	24
D1. Mental Health	d	Exceptional	24	18	42
D2. Physical Health	d				
D3. Development	d				
E. Preserving Connections	c	Extensive	6		6
F. Developing Identity	d	Exceptional	7	4	11
G. Education	d	Extensive	5	5	10
			71	36	107

Scoring Tab – Action Menu – Send for Agency Approval



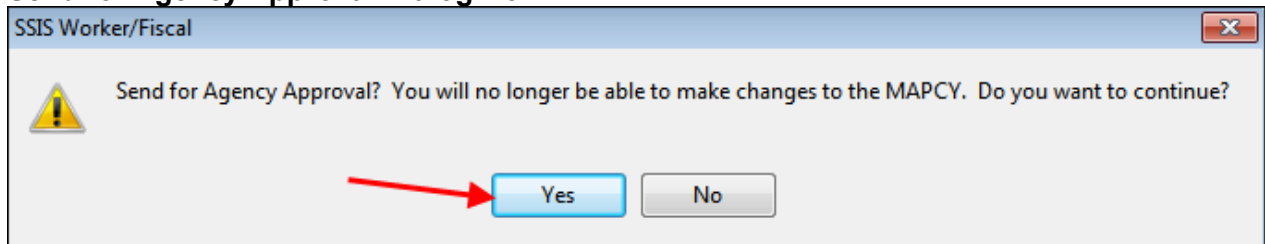
Sending a Standard MAPCY for Approval and an Extraordinary Level Request for Agency Certification

Once complete, the Standard MAPCY tool may be sent for Agency Approval. If there are also Extraordinary Levels, the Assessor must Send for Agency Approval from the Extraordinary levels sub-tab of the Scoring tab. The request then displays in the Extraordinary levels approval folder on the Approval log.

To send a Standard MAPCY tool for Agency Approval:

1. Right-click on the **Scoring** tab to access the Action menu.
2. Select **Send for Agency Approval**.
 - Note the **Approve** selection in the Action menu. Assessors cannot Approve their own MAPCY Assessments. Selecting this option results in an error message.
 - Note the **Reset to Draft** selection in the Action menu. Selecting Yes in the associated dialog box returns the MAPCY to Draft status. (Note – you cannot set the MAPCY back to draft status unless the current status is “Pending agency approval”)

Send for Agency Approval Dialog Box



3. If you are certain that there are no further edits to be made to the MAPCY tool, select **Yes** in the **Send for Agency Approval** dialog box.

MAPCY Tool Setup Tab – Status and Complete Date Fields

The screenshot shows the 'Setup' tab of the MAPCY tool configuration. The 'Status' field is set to 'Pending agency approval' and the 'Complete Date' is '09/06/2013'. The 'Effective Date' is also '09/06/2013'. The 'Description' is 'Child Domains (Ages 0-12)'. The 'Revision' is '0'. There are also fields for 'Agency Approval Date', 'State Approval Date', 'Certification Date', and 'Complete Date'.

1. Click on the **Setup** tab. Note that the **Status** field reflects **Pending agency approval**, and the **Complete Date** field reflects the date the MAPCY was sent for approval.
2. The MAPCY tool is sent to the **Approval log** in SSIS. Once the assigned agency approver enters either an approval or denial to the MAPCY tool, the caseworker receives an **SSIS Reminder** indicating the status change to the MAPCY tool. Additionally, the date the MAPCY is approved will autofill in the **Agency Approval Date** field on the **Setup tab**.

When a MAPCY tool is scored and includes Extraordinary Levels, this approval must occur at the state level. The MAPCY is first 'Certified' by the Agency, and then forwarded to DHS for final 'Approval'.

Scoring Tab – Extraordinary Levels Tab – Send for Agency Certification

The screenshot shows the 'Scoring' tab of the MAPCY tool configuration. The 'Extraordinary Levels' section is highlighted. The 'Resides with Caregiver' section has radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'Prevents Residential Placement' section has a text input field. The 'Action' menu is open, showing options like 'Save', 'Cancel', 'Delete', 'Send for Agency Approval', 'Approve', 'Reset to Draft', 'New Extraordinary Levels', 'Send for Agency Certification', 'Send for State Approval', 'Reset Extraordinary Levels to Draft', 'Deny Agency Certification', 'Withdraw', 'Approve Extraordinary Levels', 'Request Clarification', 'Deny Extraordinary Levels', and 'Print'. A red arrow points to the 'Send for Agency Certification' option.

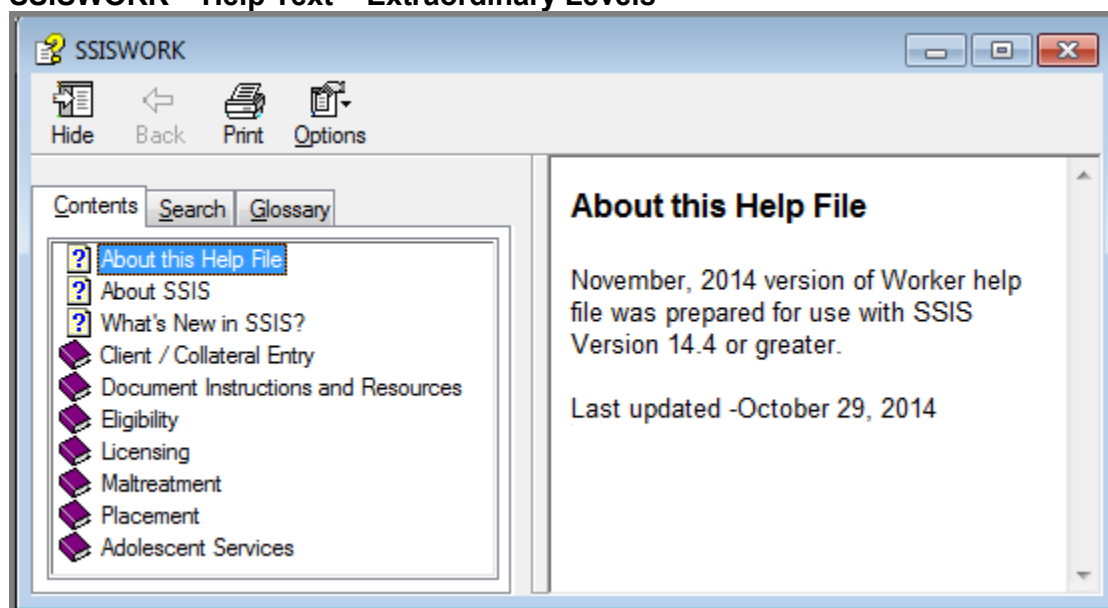
To request agency certification for Extraordinary Levels:

1. From the **Extraordinary Levels** tab, right-click on the **Scoring** tab.
2. Select **Send for Agency Certification** in the Action menu.

3. The assigned Agency Approver reviews the MAPCY, certifies it, and selects **Send for State Approval**.
4. DHS is then notified of the Extraordinary Level request.

Hints:

- The state has 15 days to respond to requests for an Extraordinary Levels request.
- DHS may Approve, Deny, or Request Clarification from the local agency.
- If DHS requests clarification, the local agency then has 30 days to send additional clarifying information supporting the Extraordinary Levels request to DHS.
- DHS then has 15 days again to either approve or deny the Extraordinary Levels request from the agency.
- If no clarification is received by DHS from the local agency within 30 days, the EL request will automatically be denied. A new EL request would have to be submitted for approval by the agency to DHS.
- While approval is pending for Extraordinary Levels from the state, the agency can pay according to the most recent approved Standard MAPCY benefit level. If state approval is obtained, the additional Extraordinary Levels rate may be paid retroactively.

SSISWORK – Help Text – Extraordinary Levels

Minnesota Assessment of Parenting Child and Youth:

Properties Tab, Comments Tabs, and Action menu options

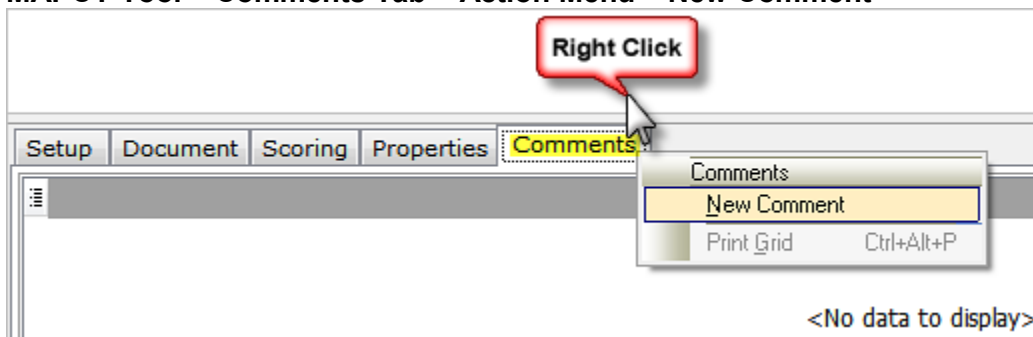
MAPCY Tool Properties Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Properties' tab of the MAPCY tool interface. It is divided into three sections: MAPCY Properties, Extraordinary Level Properties, and Template Properties. Each section contains several input fields, many of which are dropdown menus for dates and user names.

Section	Field Name	Value
MAPCY Properties	Description:	Child Domains (Ages 0-12)
	SSIS Document #:	207225183
	Created Date:	9/24/2014 4:35:26 PM
	Created By:	Zzdhs-Walswick, Angela
	Complete Date:	
	Assessed By:	Walswick, Angela
	Agency Approval Date:	
	Approved By:	
Extraordinary Level Properties	Complete Date:	
	Withdrawn Date:	
	Agency Certification Date:	
	Certified By:	
	Clarification Request Date:	
	Clarification Due Date:	
Template Properties	Name:	Child Domains (Ages 0-12)
	Document Template #:	278270
	Document Identification:	v14.4
	Format:	MAPCY
	Description:	
	Last Changed Date:	9/24/2014 4:51:14 PM

The MAPCY Properties tab indicates the dates when Approval was requested by the Assessor, and Approval was received from the Approver. For extraordinary levels, it also records the dates associated with Agency Certification, and Agency Request for Approval of Extraordinary Levels. No data entry is required on the Properties tab.

MAPCY Tool – Comments Tab – Action Menu – New Comment



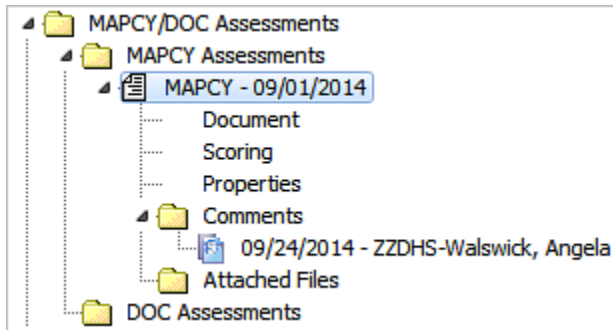
Comments may be added to the MAPCY tool at different stages in the approval process. When the MAPCY includes approval or denial of Extraordinary Levels, the Comments tab is required in certain circumstances.

MAPCY Tool – New Comment

To enter a New Comment in a MAPCY tool:

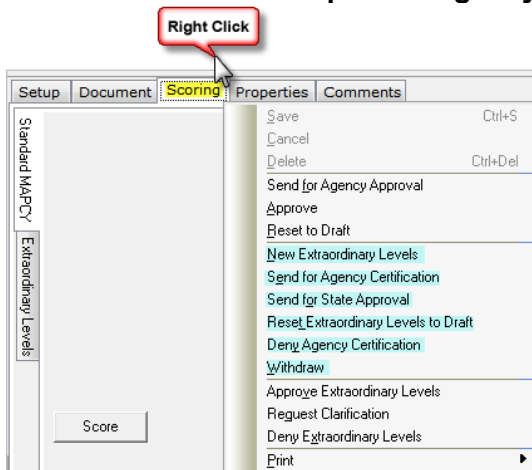
1. Right-click on the **Comments** tab in a MAPCY tool and select **New Comment**.
2. In the **Type** field select whether the comment is regarding the **Standard MAPCY** or **Extraordinary Levels**.
3. The **Author** and **Date entered** fields autofill.
4. Enter text in the **Comment** box.

Tree View – MAPCY/DOC Assessments Folder – Comments Folder and Node



To quickly determine whether a MAPCY has Comments, and the associated dates, expand the Comments folder beneath the MAPCY Assessment in the Tree View.

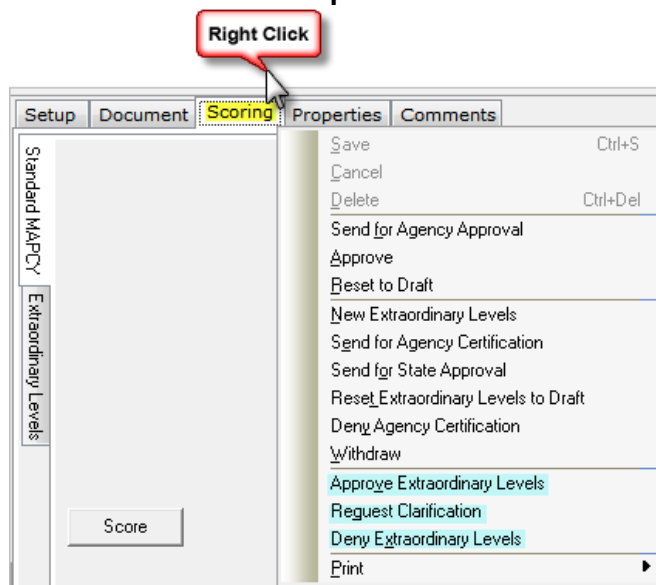
MAPCY Action Menu Options: Agency level



- New Extraordinary Levels:
 - A prior MAPCY exists and new Extraordinary Levels are being added

- Send for Agency Certification:
 - Assessor sends the MAPCY to the Approver from the Extraordinary Levels Scoring tab
 - Approver can only 'Certify' the Extraordinary Levels, and must forward them on to DHS for final approval.
- Send for State Approval:
 - Once the agency Approver has 'Certified' the Extraordinary Levels, they are sent to DHS for state 'Approval'.
- Reset Extraordinary Levels to Draft:
 - Resets the Extraordinary Levels scoring screen. This resets the EL status to draft but does not change the EL score; only changes it when the user changes a question on the EL screen.
- Deny Agency Certification:
 - Agency Approver denies the Assessor's request for Extraordinary Levels; the MAPCY is never forwarded to DHS
- Withdraw:
 - Withdraws the last electronic request for Approval.

MAPCY Action Menu Options: State level



The highlighted Action menu selections are only available at the state level, and are defined below.

- Approve Extraordinary Levels:
 - DHS Approval sent to the County Approver who previously 'Certified' the Extraordinary Levels indicating that they are 'Approved' – notice is also provided to the Assessor.
- Request Clarification:
 - DHS sends a Request for Clarification to the County Approver and Assessor asking for additional information and/or documentation supporting the request for Extraordinary Level approval.
- Deny Extraordinary Levels:
 - DHS Denial sent to the County Approver who previously 'Certified' the Extraordinary Levels indicating that the request for Extraordinary Levels is denied – notice is also provided to the Assessor.

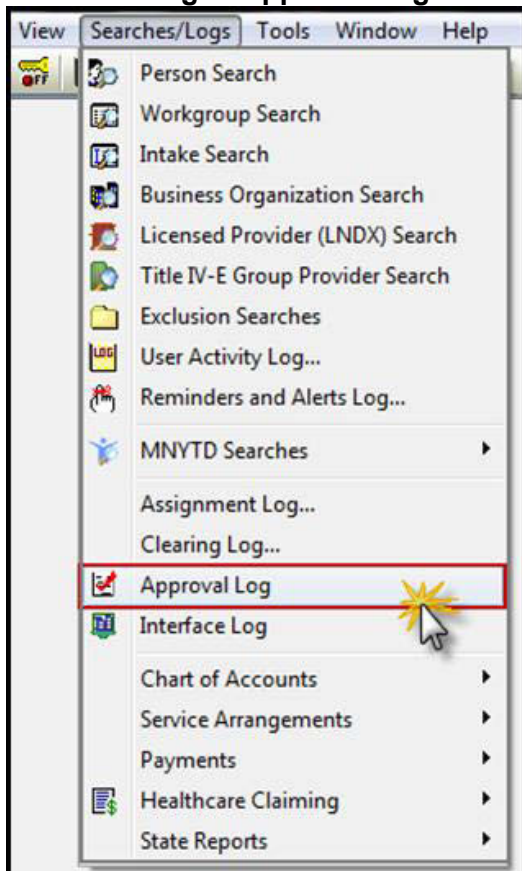
Minnesota Assessment of Parenting Children and Youth:

Approver Functions

After a Minnesota Assessment of Parenting Children and Youth (MAPCY) Assessor completes entry of a MAPCY tool, they refer it for approval and it will display in the Approval Log, in the MAPCY Assessments folder. Approvers must have the **Approver MAPCY** role in SSIS; Information on roles is available in the [Security Administration – General Security](#) module. When the MAPCY status is 'Pending agency approval' it will appear in the approval log under MAPCY Assessments folder. A Standard MAPCY can be approved from either the Setup tab or the Score tab

You cannot *approve* a MAPCY that you've *assessed*. Additionally, Approvers should: determine if the Child's Needs and Parenting Indicators are congruent within each Domain, ensure documentation within the MAPCY is sufficient, and communicate and collaborate with the assessors and other approvers to ensure consistency across the agency. Approvers should aim to review and approve a MAPCY within 5 days of it being sent for approval.

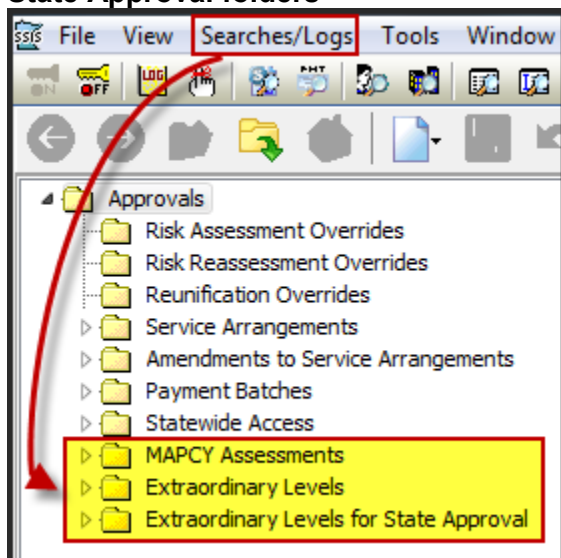
Searches/Logs - Approval Log



To view MAPCY Assessments and Extraordinary Levels (EL) folder on the Approval log:

1. Select **Searches/Logs**
2. Select **Approval Log**. Two MAPCY folders now display: **MAPCY Assessments** and **Extraordinary levels**.

Approvals- MAPCY Assessments, Extraordinary Levels, And Extraordinary levels for State Approval folders

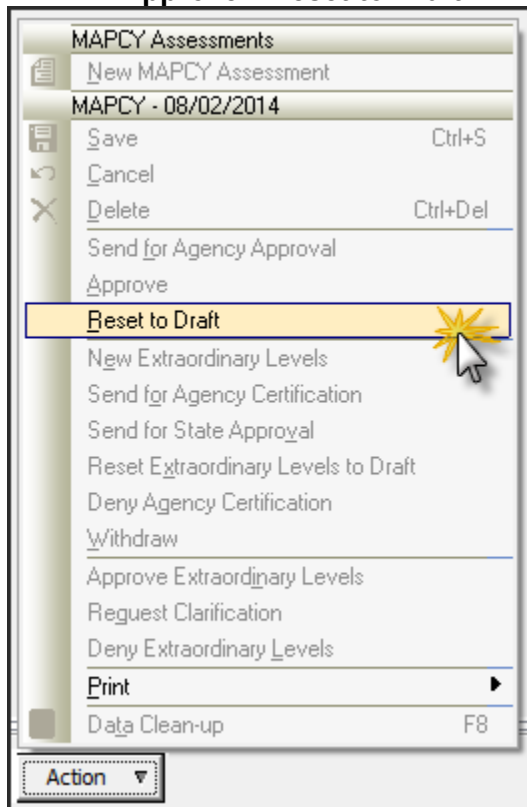


To Approve a standard MAPCY:

1. Expand the **MAPCY Assessments** folder in the Approval Log; the Standard MAPCYs waiting for approval display.
2. Highlight the desired MAPCY in the grid; that MAPCY then displays in the detail panel below. Review the Document tab and the Scoring tab.
3. From the Scoring tab, access the Action menu, and select **Approve**.

Hints:

- Once the MAPCY has been approved the status will change from 'Pending agency approval' to 'Agency approved'.
- When an Agency Approver changes the status for Standard MAPCY from Pending Agency Approval to Agency Approved the System creates Reminder for the Assessor.
 - Reminder: "MAPCY (Eff. Date) is Agency Approved. Send MAPCY Assessment Notice to caregiver. If this agency is not making the payment to the caregiver, also send written notice of benefit level to the paying agency."

MAPCY Approver- Reset to Draft

Reset to Draft of a Standard MAPCY is also an option in the Action menu for an Approver. This should be used if the approver does not approve the MAPCY Assessment and indicates that changes may be needed in the MAPCY by the Assessor.

1. Expand the **MAPCY Assessments** folder in the Approval Log; the Standard MAPCYs waiting for approval display when this folder is expanded.
2. Highlight the desired MAPCY in the grid; that MAPCY then displays in the detail panel below. Review the Document tab and the Scoring tab.
3. From the Scoring tab, access the Action menu, and select **Reset to Draft**.

Hint: When an Agency Approver changes the status for Standard MAPCY from Pending Agency Approval to Draft (System creates Reminder for the Assessor. Reminder: "MAPCY (Eff. Date) is reset to draft. Review the comments and resubmit for Agency Approval.")

Extraordinary Level Certification

For eligible children with the highest needs, extraordinary level increases can be requested by the responsible agency and must be approved by DHS. When the Extraordinary Level is 'Pending agency certification' it will appear in the Approval log under the Extraordinary Levels folder. The Extraordinary Level can only be approved from the Score tab. The approver has the option of: Send for State Approval, Reset Extraordinary Levels to draft, Deny Agency Certification, or Withdraw.

Approvals- Extraordinary levels folder – Pending Certification

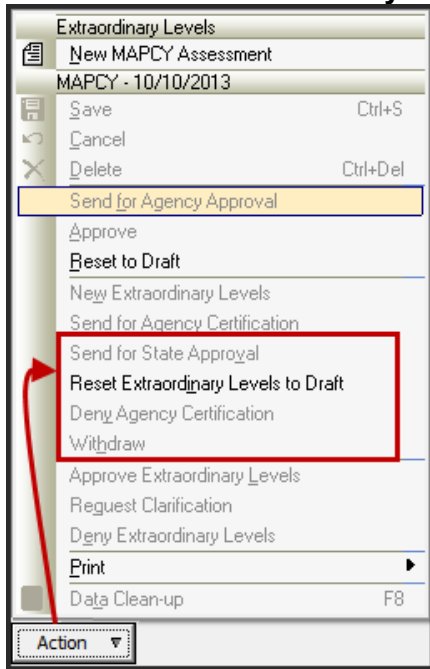
The screenshot displays the SSIS application window. The left-hand pane shows a tree view of the 'Approvals' folder, with 'Extraordinary Levels' selected and highlighted in red. A red arrow points from this folder to the 'Scoring' tab in the main panel. The 'Scoring' tab contains several sections: 'Resides with Caregiver', 'Prevents Residential Placement', and 'Agency Screening'. The 'Status' field on the right is set to 'Pending agency certification'. The 'Standard Benefit Level' is 'K', 'Extraordinary Level Increase' is '3', and 'Final Benefit Level' is 'N'. The 'Agency Screening Date' is '12/12/2013'. The 'Description of Care' field contains the text 'test'. An 'Action' dropdown menu is visible at the bottom left of the main panel.

To Certify an Extraordinary Level request:

1. Expand the **Extraordinary Levels** folder in the Approval Log; the extraordinary levels pending agency certification display. MAPCYs waiting for approval display.
2. Highlight the desired extraordinary levels; that MAPCY then displays in the detail panel below. Review the Document tab and the Scoring tab.
3. From the Scoring tab, access the Action menu, and select **Send for State Approval**.

Hint: Once the Extraordinary Level has been sent for state approval the status will change from 'Pending agency certification' to 'Pending state approval'.

Action menu - Extraordinary Levels Approver options

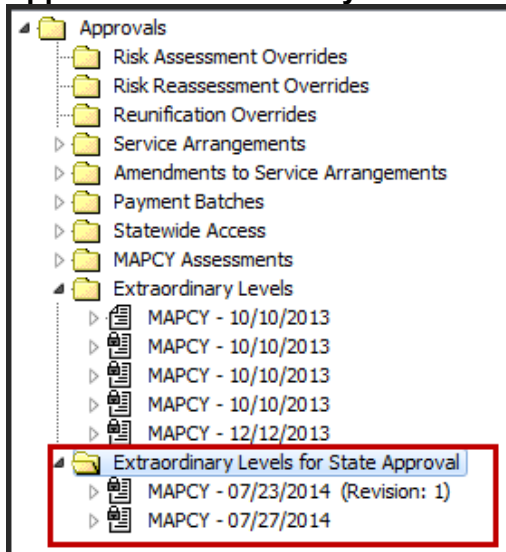


Extraordinary Level Approval by the State

Once an Extraordinary Level has been sent for State Approval, a notification is sent to the State SSIS database letting the state approver know that there is an Extraordinary Level to be reviewed. The state approver goes into the appropriate county database and reviews the Extraordinary Level from the approval log.

The Extraordinary Level appears in the approval log under Extraordinary Levels for State Approval folder. The Extraordinary Level can be approved only from the Score tab.

Approvals- Extraordinary Levels for State Approval



The state approver has the options of: Approve Extraordinary Level, Request Clarification, or Deny Extraordinary Level. If the state approver requests clarification, the Extraordinary Level will need to be reset to draft, the necessary changes made and it is resent for agency certification. If the state approver denies the Extraordinary Level it can be reset to draft, changes made and send for agency certification.

Extraordinary Approval – Action menu - Options for State Approver

Type	Name
MAPCY Assessment	MAPCY - 09/01/2014
DOC Assessment	DOC Assessment - 01/01/2014
DOC Assessment	DOC Assessment - 01/06/2014

Neither Service Access III nor IV
Night Supervision (CHECK ONE):
 Intensive Supervision - Night I
 None
Sibling
 Sibling
 This current
 Sibling
 None

Status: Pending state approval
 Standard Benefit Level: I
 Extraordinary Level Increase: 1
 Final Benefit Level: J
 Score:

Action Menu:
 MAPCY/DOC Assessments
 New MAPCY Assessment
 New DOC Assessment
 Print Grid (Ctrl+Alt+P)
 MAPCY - 09/01/2014
 Save (Ctrl+S)
 Cancel
 Delete (Ctrl+Del)
 Send for Agency Approval
 Approve
 Reset to Draft
 New Extraordinary Levels
 Send for Agency Certification
 Send for State Approval
 Reset Extraordinary Levels to Draft
 Deny Agency Certification
 Withdraw
Approve Extraordinary Levels
Request Clarification
Deny Extraordinary Levels
 Print
 Data Clean-up (F8)

Reminders for Extraordinary Levels

1. When an Agency Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending Agency Certification to Reset to draft, system creates Reminder for the Agency Assessor.

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request was reset to Draft. Review the comments and resubmit for Agency Certification if appropriate.

2. When an Agency Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending Agency Certification to Not Agency Certified, system creates Reminder for Agency Assessor.

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request is Not Agency Certified.

3. When an Agency Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending Agency Certification to Pending State Approval, system sends Reminder to the Agency Assessor. (And Notification to the State Approver, which is handled separately).

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request is certified and has been submitted to DHS for review. Extraordinary Level response will be available within 15 days.

4. When State Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending State Approval to Clarification Needed, system creates a Reminder to the Agency Assessor and Agency Approver.

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request status: Clarification Needed. Review the comments and either recertify the EL Request and resubmit to DHS, or withdraw the request by <mm/dd/yyyy>, or the request will be denied.

5. When State Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending State Approval to State Approved, system creates a reminder to the Agency Assessor and Agency Approver.

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: mm/dd/yyyy) EL Request is State Approved. "Extraordinary Level Approval Notice" was sent to the caregiver and saved in Person Documents. Notify paying agency of Standard+ Extraordinary Level if applicable, unless that agency is DHS.

6. When the State Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending State Approval to Denied, (State Approver Denies) system creates a reminder to the Assessor and Approver.

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request is Denied. DHS will send "Extraordinary Level Denial Notice – Requirements Not Met" to the caregiver, and save it in Person Documents.

7. When SSIS system does an automatic denial after 30 days (Timed Out Denial – when clarification needed is not recertified), system creates a reminder to the Agency Assessor and Approver.

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request was Auto-Denied; 30 day deadline expired. DHS will send "Extraordinary Level Denial Notice – Auto-Denial" to the caregiver and save it in Person Documents.

8. When the Agency Approver changes the EL Status from Pending State Approval to Withdrawn, system will send a reminder to the Agency Assessor. (and Notification to the State Approver, which is handled separately)

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request has been withdrawn by the Agency Approver. Send “Extraordinary Level Withdrawal Notice” to caregiver.

- When the Agency Approver changes the EL Status from Clarification Needed to Withdrawn, system will send a reminder to the Agency Assessor (and Notification to the State Approver, which is handled separately)

Reminder: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request has been withdrawn by the Agency Approver. Send “Extraordinary Level Withdrawal Notice” to caregiver.

Alerts for Extraordinary Levels

- When State Approver changes the EL status for Extraordinary Level from Pending State Approval to Clarification Needed, system creates an Alert to the Assessor after 15 days.

Alert: MAPCY (Eff Date: <mm/dd/yyyy>) Extraordinary Level Request status: Clarification Needed. Review the comments and either recertify the EL Request and resubmit to DHS, or withdraw the request by <mm/dd/yyyy>, or the request will be denied.

MAPCY General Report

A General report, **Assessment Due- MAPCY or DOC**, can be utilized by agencies to help determine MAPCY or DOC Assessments are due to be completed. The report lists children and youth in currently open Northstar Care or Legacy placement settings where the MAPCY or DOC next due date is anytime on or before the date selected by the user.

General Reports > Placement > Assessments Due – MAPCY or DOC

