

## **IRIS Consultant Agency (ICA) Scorecard Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the purpose of the Scorecard?**

The purpose of the Scorecard is to help you choose an IRIS consultant agency (ICA) based on the factors that are most important to you. The Scorecard gives you information about how current participants feel about their ICA and how well ICAs meet state standards. The Scorecard also provides contact information and other facts about the ICAs that are available for you to choose from.

### **Where does the information in the Scorecard come from?**

Information in the Scorecard comes from a variety of sources:

- **Participant Survey** section shows results from the state's 2023 participant satisfaction survey.
- **Quality and Compliance** section shows results from the state's annual IRIS record review
- **IRIS Consultant Characteristics** section and Additional Information section show information reported by the ICAs about their organization.

### **What is the Participant Satisfaction Survey?**

The participant satisfaction survey is an annual set of questions mailed to current participants of each ICA to gather feedback on their experience with their ICA. The state collects and analyzes survey responses to find out how happy participants are with their IRIS consultant, how engaged they are in creating their individual support and services plan, and how well their ICA helps to meet their needs.

### **What is the IRIS Record Review?**

The IRIS record review is an assessment that scores how well ICAs meet certain performance standards set by the state. It is performed every year by an external quality review organization, which looks to make sure the ICA has policies, procedures, and processes in place to deliver high-quality services to participants.

### **What do nonprofit and for profit mean?**

The Type of Agency section in the Scorecard describes which type of organization each MCO is. A nonprofit organization is a group organized for purposes other than generating a profit and in which no part of the organization's income is distributed to its directors or officers. A for profit organization is a business that operates for the purpose of making a profit.

### **When was the Scorecard last updated? How frequently is it updated?**

The Scorecard was last updated in 2024. It is updated annually.

### **Why doesn't the Scorecard provide other information about ICAs I am interested in?**

The Scorecard presents only information that has been validated by the state. The ratings provided in the Scorecard are based on only the most current verifiable data, providing you with objective factors to help you make your ICA selection.

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<b>Measure</b>	<b>Consultant to Participant Ratio</b>
<b>Data Source</b>	Ratio is reported as of July 1, 2024, based on current full-time equivalent (FTE) and enrollment. The IRIS Consultant to member ratio expresses a comparison between the number of IRIS Consultants in the ICA to the number of participants in the ICA. "1:x" is interpreted as: For every 1 IRIS Consultant, there are x participants. A lower ratio indicates that there are fewer ICA participants to each IRIS Consultant, whereas a higher ratio indicates that there are more ICA participants to each IRIS Consultant.
<b>Rating System</b>	No ratings are assigned for consultant to participant ratios. All IRIS consultant to participant ratios are in compliance with state standards.