

Functional Index Rankings and Hourly Task Guidelines

As an In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) applicant/recipient, it is helpful to know what IHSS Functional Index (FI) Rankings are and how they impact your assessment. The FI rankings range from 1-6 (see below description) and indicate the level of assistance you need to perform tasks safely. A county IHSS social worker will assign a rank to each service category to help determine the amount of assistance needed.



Rank 1: Independent. Able to perform function without human assistance.

Rank 2: Able to perform a function but needs verbal assistance, such as reminding, guiding, or encouragement.

Rank 3: Can perform the function with some human assistance, including, but not limited to, direct physical assistance from a provider.

Rank 4: Can perform a function with only substantial human assistance.

Rank 5: Cannot perform the function, with or without human assistance.

Prescribed by a licensed health care professional:

Rank 6: Requires Paramedical Services.

After assigning a rank in each service category and taking into consideration your individual needs, the social worker will authorize time within or outside the Hourly Task Guidelines. If time is needed outside the guidelines, this is called an *exception*. If you need more or less time outside the guidelines for a specific rank within a service, your social worker will review whether exceptions are needed, as appropriate.

For more information, contact your local IHSS office.