

Streamlining the assessment process across the HACC and Aged Care Assessment Programs in Western Australia:

In WA HACC Program and ACAP are working together to establish a single assessment process, in line with the HACC national reform agenda to streamline assessment.

A new HACC Needs Identification instrument (HNI) will be implemented in WA during 2003. HACC service providers will need to use the HNI or an approved mappable alternative instrument to assess the needs of each client.

The chart below illustrates the key stages of needs identification that will be undertaken for HACC/ACAP clients, against the 2 tiers of assessment discussed in the study of functional dependency undertaken by the Centre for Health Service Development at the University of Wollongong.

