PERIODIC RISK EVALUATION (PRE): 4 STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE RISK:

Service Guidance Document 4

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Removal of exposure to a risk factor.

Examples: removal of mold from a basement wall before you move in (proactive), suspending a staff person who is accused of abuse (reactive)

Transfer one risk factor for another less "risky" option.

Examples: offering an individual with diabetes a sugar-free iced tea instead of regular iced tea (proactive), change medication after intense negative side effects were recognized (reactive)

Isolate the person from the risk factor.

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Examples: locking the family's alcohol in a cabinet because the participant is struggling with serious alcohol abuse (proactive)

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Train or inform the person how to more safely be exposed to the risk factor.

Examples: Teaching coping strategies to participant who is being bullied on the job (proactive), providing sex education to participant who has begun to have an intimate relationship with a girlfriend (reactive)

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