# Dementia Decision Support Algorithm

HRA (+) **or**

Clinician/Care Manager (CM) Observation **or**

Self/family report of concerns

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**NO**

**YES**

CM administers validated cognitive screening tool
i.e. AD8

**0-1**
(Normal Cognition)

**≥2**
(Cognitive Impairment)

Rescreen during Annual Wellness Visit, if indicated or as clinically indicated

Refer for full dementia diagnostic workup

Consider identifying a family/friend caregiver
(See Tool for Identifying an Informal or Family Caregiver)

Diagnosis Negative

Diagnosis Positive

Rescreen during Annual Wellness Visit, if indicated or as clinically indicated

Document in medical record and CM record, and follow Alzheimer's Clinical Care Guideline

Identify family/friend caregiver

Document caregiver in medical/CM record

Refer to local Alzheimer's organization for disease education and supportive services (i.e. ALZ Direct Connect)

Assess caregiver using validated assessment tool (i.e. Benjamin Rose Institute Caregiver Strain Instrument)

**Low Scores**

**High Scores**
> 8   Mastery
> 10   Relationship strain
> 5   Social isolation/activity restrictions

Reassess in 6 months or as clinically indicated

Refer to Dementia Care Specialist (DCS)

Use standardized care plans to develop family-centered care plans

Consider respite

Refer to Long Term Services and Support (LTSS)

Refer to local Alzheimer's organization for support (i.e. ALZ Direct Connect)