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Subject: Prompting

I would just like to bring to your attention that the weightings for prompting seem to be very low. Perhaps this is because the act of prompting is misunderstood especially where it applies to mental health. Prompting can take hours and involve much persuasion and negotiation. It can prompt a distressed reaction from the person being prompted and is not always successful. At various stages of the action such as getting dressed, prompting will need to be renewed. Prompting rarely involves someone telling the person what to do and the person complying immediately. Prompting to get up, wash, brush teeth, brush hair, shower, dress, eat food, take medication etc can be an all day occupation. When you reconsider the weightings and qualification thresholds please give consideration to giving a stronger, fairer weighting to the areas discussing prompting.

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