

Developmental Disabilities Waivers' Priority Needs Criteria Checklist

For all categories, it is essential to determine and document that if offered a slot, the individual would accept it within 30 days. The following is a means of "triaging" current needs; however, it is recognized that an individual in any of these categories could present for services at any time due to changes in needs/circumstances.

- **Priority 1**

It is anticipated that the individual will need waiver services **within one year** and the individual meets one of the following criteria:

1. An immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the individual due to the unpaid primary caregiver having a chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition or conditions that significantly limits his/her the ability of the primary caregiver (or caregivers) to care for the individual; there are no other unpaid caregivers available to provide supports; **or**

2. There is a risk to the health or safety of the applicant, primary caregiver, or other person living in the home due to **either** of the following conditions:

a. The individual's behavior or behaviors present a risk to himself or others that cannot be effectively managed by the primary caregiver or unpaid provider even with support coordinator/case manager arranged generic or specialized supports,

b. There are physical care needs (such as lifting or bathing) or medical needs that cannot be managed by the primary caregiver even with support coordinator/case manager arranged generic or specialized supports; **or**

3. The individual lives in an institutional setting and has a viable discharge plan; **or**

4. The individual is young adult transitioning and is no longer eligible for IDEA services (e.g., in a foster care, residential setting, etc.).

- **Priority 2**

It is anticipated that the individual may require waiver services **in one to five years** and the individual meets **one of** the following criteria:

1. The health and safety of the individual is likely to be in future jeopardy to due to

a. the unpaid primary caregiver having a declining chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition(s) or conditions that significantly limits his/her the ability to care for the individual, **and**

b. there are no other unpaid caregivers available to provide supports, **and**

c. the individual's skills are declining as a result of lack of supports; **or**

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- 2. Individual is at risk of losing employment supports; **or**
- 3. The individual is at risk of losing current housing due to lack of adequate supports and services; **or**
- 4. The individual has needs or desired outcomes that with adequate supports will result in a significantly improved quality of life.

- **Priority 3**

The system has determined that the individual may not present for waiver services in **over five years** as long as the current supports and services remain; however, the system should plan for future needs, as this person may present at any time.

- 1. The individual is receiving a service through another funding source that meets current needs; **or**
- 2. The individual is not currently receiving a service but is likely to need a service in five or more years; **or**
- 3. The individual has needs or desired outcomes that with adequate supports will result in a significantly improved quality of life.