

**WAC 388-106-0125 How does CARE use criteria to place me in a classification group for in-home care?** CARE uses the criteria of cognitive performance score as determined under WAC 388-106-0090, clinical complexity as determined under WAC 388-106-0095, mood/behavior and behavior point score as determined under WAC 388-106-0100, ADLs as determined under WAC 388-106-0105, and exceptional care as determined under WAC 388-106-0110 to place you into one of the following seventeen in-home groups. CARE classification is determined first by meeting criteria to be placed into a group, then you are further classified based on ADL score or behavior point score into a classification sub-group following a classification path of highest possible base hours to lowest qualifying base hours. Each classification group is assigned a number of base hours as described below based upon the level of funding provided by the legislature for personal care services, and based upon the relative level of functional disability of persons in each classification group as compared to persons in other classification groups.

(1) If you meet the criteria for exceptional care, then CARE will place you in **Group E**. CARE then further classifies you into:

(a) **Group E High** with 393 base hours if you have an ADL score of 26-28; or

(b) **Group E Medium** with 327 base hours if you have an ADL score of 22-25.

(2) If you meet the criteria for clinical complexity and have cognitive performance score of 4-6 or you have cognitive performance score of 5-6, then you are classified in **Group D** regardless of your mood and behavior qualification or behavior points. CARE then further classifies you into:

(a) **Group D High** with 260 base hours if you have an ADL score of 25-28; or

(b) **Group D Medium-High** with 215 base hours if you have an ADL score of 18-24; or

(c) **Group D Medium** with 168 base hours if you have an ADL score of 13-17; or

(d) **Group D Low** with 120 base hours if you have an ADL score of 2-12.

(3) If you meet the criteria for clinical complexity and have a CPS score of less than 4, then you are classified in **Group C** regardless of your mood and behavior qualification or behavior points. CARE then further classifies you into:

(a) **Group C High** with 176 base hours if you have an ADL score of 25-28; or

(b) **Group C Medium-High** with 158 base hours if you have an ADL score of 18-24; or

(c) **Group C Medium** with 115 base hours if you have an ADL score of 9-17; or

(d) **Group C Low** with 73 base hours if you have an ADL score of 2-8.

(4) If you meet the criteria for mood and behavior qualification and do not meet the classification for C, D, or E groups, then you are classified into **Group B**. CARE further classifies you into:

(a) **Group B High** with 129 base hours if you have an ADL score of 15-28; or

(b) **Group B Medium** with 69 base hours if you have an ADL score of 5-14; or

(c) **Group B Low** with 39 base hours if you have an ADL score of 0-4; or

(5) If you meet the criteria for behavior points and have a CPS score of greater than 2 and your ADL score is greater than 1, and do not meet the classification for C, D, or E groups, then you are classified in **Group B**. CARE further classifies you into:

(a) **Group B High** with 129 base hours if you have a behavior point score 12 or greater; or

(b) **Group B Medium-High** with 84 base hours if you have a behavior point score greater than 6; or

(c) **Group B Medium** with 69 base hours if you have a behavior point score greater than 4; or

(d) **Group B Low** with 39 base hours if you have a behavior point score greater than 1.

(6) If you are not clinically complex and your CPS score is less than 5 and you do not qualify under either mood and behavior criteria, then you are classified in **Group A**. CARE further classifies you into:

(a) **Group A High** with 59 base hours if you have an ADL score of 10-28; or

(b) **Group A Medium** with 47 base hours if you have an ADL score of 5-9; or

(c) **Group A Low** with 22 base hours if you have an ADL score of 0-4.

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