

WAC 182-559-300 Eligibility for community support services. To be eligible for community support services, a client must:

- (1) Be age 16 or older;
- (2) Be eligible for Washington apple health (medicaid);
- (3) Meet at least one of the following health criteria and be expected to benefit from community support services:

(a) Clients assessed by a licensed behavioral health agency, under chapter 246-341 WAC, to have a behavioral health need, which is defined as one or both of the following criteria:

(i) Mental health needs, including a need for improvement, stabilization, or prevention of deterioration of functioning (including the ability to live independently without support) resulting from the presence of a mental illness; or

(ii) Substance use needs determined by an assessment using the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria indicates that the client meets at least ASAM level 1.0, indicating the need for outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. The ASAM is a multi-dimensional assessment approach for determining a client's need for SUD treatment.

(b) Clients assessed via a CARE assessment, per WAC 388-106-0050, to have a need for assistance demonstrated by:

(i) The need for assistance with at least three activities of daily living (ADLs) defined in WAC 388-106-0010, one of which may be body care; or

(ii) The need for hands-on assistance with at least one ADL which may include body care.

(c) Clients assessed to be a homeless person with a disability, according to 24 C.F.R. 578.3, which is defined as a long continuing or indefinite physical condition requiring improvement, stabilization, or prevention of deterioration of functioning (including ability to live independently without support).

(4) Exhibit at least one of the following risk factors:

(a) Homeless clients who:

(i) Have been homeless for at least 12 months; or

(ii) Have been homeless on at least four separate occasions in the last three years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months.

Homeless is defined as living in a safe haven, an emergency shelter, or a place not meant for human habitation. See 24 C.F.R. 578.3.

(b) A history of frequent or lengthy institutional contact.

(i) Institutional care facilities include jails, substance use disorder or mental health treatment facilities, hospitals, or other similar facilities, as defined in 24 C.F.R. 578.3, or skilled nursing facilities as defined in WAC 388-97-0001.

(ii) Frequent means more than one contact in the past 12 months.

(iii) Lengthy means 90 or more consecutive days within an institutional setting in the past 12 months.

(c) A history of frequent stays at adult residential care facilities as defined by WAC 388-110-020 or residential treatment facilities as defined by WAC 246-337-005. Frequent means more than one contact in the past 12 months.

(d) Have frequent turnover of in-home caregivers as defined by WAC 388-106-0040, where within the last 12 months the client utilized three or more different in-home caregiver providers and the current placement is not appropriate for the client.

(e) Have a predictive risk score of 1.5 or above. See WAC 182-557-0225.

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