

Instructions for Critical Needs Summary

| Criteria for Rating | Explanation |
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| Urgent Criteria Met | |
| 1. Primary caregiver (i.e., the primary person providing financial, emotional and daily living support) is 55 years or older | For purposes of this rating, consider the age of the person who is the primary caregiver, regardless of the age of an ancillary caregiver. |
| 2. Primary caregiver can no longer provide care | Primary, unpaid caregiver states that he/she cannot continue to provide care much longer due to physical, mental, emotional, financial burden of care giving and there is some evidence to substantiate this. |
| 3. Clear risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation | There is documentation that the individual has been referred to the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) Child or Adult Protective Services (as appropriate to his age) for investigation of a situation involving suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation as defined in the DBHDS Human Rights Regulations [12 VAC 35-115]. Further examples of instances of abuse, neglect and exploitation are contained in the DSS document, "Indicators of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation" found at: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/aps.cgi . |
| 4. Primary caregiver has chronic physical or psychiatric condition | The primary caregiver states that he/she has an ongoing physical or psychiatric condition that makes long term care giving untenable and there is evidence to substantiate this. |
| 5a. Currently homeless (i.e., does not have a home) | This should be a fairly high standard. Individuals meeting this criterion may be living in a homeless shelter, on the street or just discharged/removed from their present living situation with nowhere else to go. |
| 5b. Facing imminent (within the next 90 days) homelessness (e.g., terminally ill caregiver) | The individual is anticipated to be homeless within the next 90 days due to anticipated discharge from a time-limited residential service, the imminent death of the present caregiver, etc. NOTE: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services expect that "there is reasonable indication |

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| | that the individual would need services in the appropriate level of care within the near future (one month or less).” |
| 6a. Health/safety risk to individual, caregiver or others due to behaviors | The health and safety of the individual, caregiver or others is endangered due to documented, current behaviors such as aggression (towards others or self), fire-setting, running into traffic, etc.) |
| 6b. Health/safety risk to individual, caregiver or others due to physical care or medical needs | The health/safety of the individual is at risk due to the seriousness of his/her medical needs. The health/safety of the caregiver/others in the home is at risk due to the demands of the individual’s physical care (e.g., lifting, carrying an individual larger than the caregiver, demanding ‘round the clock needs preventing adequate caregiver rest, etc.) |
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| Number of caregivers | No score for 2 caregivers |
| Number of areas met on LOF | See most recent Level of Functioning Survey |
| Environmental concerns (e.g., poor condition of the current living situation, primary caregiver has ongoing caretaking responsibilities for other dependents) | Current documented home/neighborhood conditions threaten the health and safety of the individual (unsanitary home conditions, violent or criminal elements in the neighborhood, caregiver stressed with the care of multiple individuals, etc.) |