

Virginia Waiver Management System (WaMS)

Critical Needs Summary

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CSB/BHA:

Individual's Name:

Date of Completion *

Individual's Medicaid Number:

Age

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

The critical element in determining whether an individual meets this criteria is that the individual must be in immediate jeopardy. The presence of a caregiver's medical/physical or psychiatric condition is only relevant if this is the case. There must be evidence to substantiate the caregiver's diagnosis. Only if no other unpaid caregiver is available may points be assigned for this item.

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Field is required

2. Primary caregiver can no longer provide care *

Primary, unpaid caregiver demonstrates that he/she cannot continue to provide care much longer (within the next year) due to physical, mental, emotional, financial burden of care giving which will result in immediate jeopardy, should it occur. There is evidence to substantiate this.

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3. Clear risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation of the individual *

There is a clear **current** risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation demonstrated by, at minimum, documentation that the individual has been referred to the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) Child or Dept. of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Adult Protective

Services (as appropriate to his age) for investigation of a situation involving suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation and/or there is current documentation and/or correspondence from APS/CPS of findings or actions taken that confirm continued risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

(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>.)

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4. The individual lives in an institutional setting and has a viable discharge plan *

The individual lives in an ICF-11D, a nursing facility, state psychiatric hospital or mental health institute, or psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF). A viable discharge plan means the person has identified one or more housing option(s) and services that preserves the individual's health, safety, and welfare in the community has been developed.

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5. Currently homeless (i.e., does not have a home) *

This item requires that homelessness has already occurred. 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.

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6. 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.

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Field is required

7. Immediate risk to the health or safety of the individual, primary caregiver, or other person living in the home due to either of the following conditions:

A. BEHAVIORS

No Safety Risk to Self/Others (0 pt)

Within the last 365 days:

- individual has not engaged in any level of challenging behavior

Low Safety Risk to Self/Others (1 pt)

Within the last 365 days:

- challenging behavior has occurred, but behavior has not required a crisis response from emergency service, REACH, and/or law enforcement

AND/OR

- challenging behavior has occurred, but no one has been hurt or injured in any way.

Moderate Safety Risk to Self/Others (3 pt)

Within the last 365 days, behavior has:

- occurred that has required emergency services, REACH, and/or law enforcement crisis response, but situation(s) was stabilized and a community placement has been maintained with continued supports in place

AND/OR

- caused a minor injury that was treated with basic First Aid level care (e.g., a result of behavior was a scratch that required a Band-Aid, a minor contusion was sustained)

High Safety Risk to Self/Others (5 pts)

Within the last 365 days, behavior has:

- required emergency services, REACH, and/or law enforcement crisis response and resulted in psychiatric hospitalization or out of community placement (e.g., residential treatment, crisis facility placement)

AND/OR

- resulted in a voluntary admission to psychiatric facility or out of home/community placement (e.g., residential treatment, crisis facility placement)

AND/OR

- behavior has caused serious injury to the person or others that has required medical attention beyond basic First Aid (e.g., a result of behavior was that someone required stitches, a cast, a doctor's prescription to treat an injury, etc.). Also score as high risk if the behavior was successfully interrupted but likely would have caused serious injury and required significant medical attention if not interrupted (e.g., person attempted to run into traffic but was blocked by staff)

B. PHYSICAL CARE NEEDS OR MEDICAL NEEDS**No Safety Risk to Self/Others (0 pt)**

Within the last 365 days:

The individual has not engaged in, nor required any medical treatment or consultation needs, including hospitalizations/acute care, surgical interventions, walk-in ambulatory urgent care, Emergency Medical Transport, primary care, or basic first aid for any condition or symptom.

And the individual's health is stable. The individual has no known health conditions and typically only sees a primary care physician (PCP) for regular check-ups.

Low Safety Risk to Self/Others (1 pt)

Within the last 365 days, the individual has required one or more of the following numbered items:

1. at least one instance of medical consultation via phone initiated conversation with the individual's primary care physician (PCP) **or**
2. at least one instance of medical treatment via basic First Aid level care (e.g., a Band-Aid, for a minor contusion), **or**

3. Assistance with select ADLs on a regular but not daily basis,

And the individual's health is stable. The individual has no ongoing chronic health conditions.

Moderate Safety Risk to Self/Others (3 pts)

Within the last 365 days, the individual has required one or more of the following numbered items:

1. at least one instance of medical treatment at a walk-in ambulatory urgent and/or emergency department (ER) medical services venue, but did not result in a hospitalization and/or an out of community placement (e.g., acute care treatment, rehabilitation/therapeutic facility placement), **or**
2. at least one instance of medical treatment via one or more of the following:
 - o an Emergency Medical Transport (e.g., ambulance),
 - o a walk-in ambulatory urgent care center,
 - o an emergency department (ER) medical services venue,which did not result in a hospitalization, a surgical intervention, and/or another out of community placement (e.g., acute care treatment, rehabilitation/therapeutic facility placement), **or**
3. at least one instance of medical treatment via consultation for a minor medical condition by a Primary Care Provider (PCP), **or**
4. ongoing assistance with most ADLs on a daily basis.

High Safety Risk to Self/Others (5 pts)

Within the last 365 days, the individual has required one or more of the following numbered items:

1. at least one instance of medical treatment via one of the following:
 - o an Emergency Medical Transport (e.g., ambulance),
 - o a walk-in ambulatory urgent care center,
 - o an emergency department (ER) medical services venue, which has resulted in one of the following outcomes:
 - a hospitalization,
 - a surgical intervention,
 - another out of community placement (e.g., acute care treatment, rehabilitation/therapeutic facility treatment)
2. repeated events of one or more of the following bulleted items:
 - o hospitalizations and/or (for the same/similar medical condition/disorder, and/or another medical condition/disorder),
 - o surgical interventions (for the same/similar medical condition/disorder, and/or another medical condition/disorder),
 - o out of community placement (e.g., acute care treatment, rehabilitation/therapeutic facility placement)
3. total ongoing assistance with all ADLs on a daily basis,
4. ongoing assistance with repositioning multiple times per day and/or the individual is non-ambulatory and/or is non-weight bearing,
5. ongoing assistance with a chronic medical condition/disorder that requires a medical device on a daily

basis for survival (e.g., gastrostomy tube, gastrostomy-jejunostomy tube, Bi-Pap/C-Pap, ventilator, tracheostomy or another medical device),

6. ongoing assistance with tonic-clonic seizures that occur multiple times a day.

7A. The individual's behavior presents a risk to himself or others that cannot be managed effectively even with support coordinator-arranged general or specialized supports:

- No Safety Risk to Self/Others: 0 Point
- Low Safety Risk to Self/Others: 1 Point
- Moderate Safety Risk to Self/Others: 3 Points
- High Safety Risk to Self/Others: 5 Points

Field is required

7 B. There are physical care needs or medical needs that cannot be managed even with support coordinator-arranged generic or specialized supports; *

Physical care needs or medical needs

- No Safety Risk to Self/Others: 0 Points
- Low Safety Risk to Self/Others: 1 Point
- Moderate Safety Risk to Self/Others: 3 Points
- High Safety Risk to Self/Others: 5 Points

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8. The individual is a young adult who is no longer eligible for IDEA services and has expressed a desire to live independently. After individuals attain 27 years of age, this criterion shall no longer apply. *

An individual who chooses to leave school even though they are still eligible for IDEA services does not meet this criteria until they are 22 years of age. When the individual reaches age 27, the individual must be re-evaluated and may only retain Priority One status if he/she/they meets another Priority One criteria.

- 0
- 5

Field is required

9. Individual lacks opportunities for a meaningful activity during the day. *

These points are only available to people 27 years or older, who desire a meaningful activity during the day, do not have access to one through another funding source.

- 0
- 5

Field is required

10. The individual has access to needed services through CCC+ waiver or EPSDT *

If the explanation below applies to the individual, the appropriate number of points must be deducted from the individual's CNS score.

- Other than the absence of providers, the types of services available in the current waiver will meet most of the individual's needs = -7
- Other than the absence of providers, the types of services available in the current waiver are limited in their ability to meet the individual's needs = -3

Not applicable = 0

Field is required

11. Number of caregivers *

Where two caregivers reside in the home, both must be considered caregivers unless the second caregiver has a chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition or conditions that render him/her/them unable to provide any support to the individual or is absent from the home for more than 50% of the year for work.

- No Caregiver =5
- 1 Caregiver =3
- 2 or more Caregivers =0

Field is required

12. In addition to this individual, another individual with a disability, for whom the caregiver is directly responsible on a day to day basis, resides in the home. *

Even if there are multiple individuals who meet the description this item is limited to 3 points.

- 0
- 3

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13. Number of areas met on VIDES

Count number of areas met on VIDES and assign appropriate point value.

- 2 or 3 Areas Met on VIDES =1
- 4 Areas Met on VIDES =2
- 5 or 6 Ares Met on VIDES =3
- 7 or 8 Areas Met on VIDES =4

Total Score *

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Name of Person/Title Completing this form *

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