

Virginia Waiver Management System (WaMS)

Developmental Disabilities Waivers' Priority Criteria Checklist

Priority Criteria Checklist v2

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Priority Description

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 One:

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

- 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.

Explanation:

- **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 physical or psychiatric condition is only relevant if the individual is in immediate jeopardy. If the caregiver's condition is the reason this criteria is selected, 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.**
- There is 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:
 - The individual's behavior or behaviors, presenting a risk to himself or others, cannot be effectively managed even with support coordinator/case manager-arranged generic or specialized supports;
 - There are physical care needs or medical needs that cannot be managed even with support coordinator/case manager-arranged generic or specialized supports;

Explanation:

- **To meet either of the criteria above it is expected that all available resources and services have been sought and documented. A perceived lack of providers is insufficient to**

establish services have been sought.

- ***An individual whose health and safety is at immediate risk due to his need for a caregiver or who is at immediate risk due to his need for health and safety supports would qualify under this criterion.***

- The individual lives in an institutional setting and has a viable discharge plan;

Explanation:

- ***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.***

- 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.

Explanation:

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

Priority Two:

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

- The individual is at risk of losing employment supports;
- The individual is at risk of losing current housing due to a lack of adequate supports and services;
- The individual has needs or desired outcomes that with adequate supports will result in a significantly improved quality of life.
- The health and safety of the individual is likely to be in future jeopardy due to:
 - There are no other unpaid caregivers available to provide supports;
 - The individual's skills are declining as a result of lack of supports;
 - The unpaid primary caregiver or caregivers having a declining chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition or conditions that significantly limit his ability to care for the individual;

Priority Three:

Priority Three shall be assigned to individuals who meet one of the following criteria and will need a waiver slot in five years or longer as long as the current supports and services remain:

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

Check here to confirm that the individual, the individual's spouse, or the parent of an individual who is a minor child would accept DD waiver services within 30 days of slot assignment *

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Choose the Priority Status

- Priority One
- Priority Two
- Priority Three

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Priority One

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- There is immediate risk to the health or safety of the individual, primary caregiver, or other person living in the home
- The individual lives in an institutional setting and has a viable discharge plan;
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