

Developmental Disabilities Waivers' Priority Criteria

Priority 1

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

1. An immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the individual due to the unpaid primary caregiver having a chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition or conditions that significantly limits his/her the ability of the primary caregiver (or caregivers) to care for the individual; there are no other unpaid caregivers available to provide supports; **or**
2. There is immediate risk to the health or safety of the applicant, primary caregiver, or other person living in the home due to **either** of the following conditions:
 - a. The individual's behavior or behaviors present a risk to himself or others that cannot be effectively managed by the primary caregiver or unpaid provider even with support coordinator/case manager arranged generic or specialized supports,
 - b. There are physical care needs (such as lifting or bathing) or medical needs that cannot be managed by the primary caregiver even with support coordinator/case manager arranged generic or specialized supports; **or**
3. The individual lives in an institutional setting and has a viable discharge plan; **or**
4. The individual is a young adult who is no longer eligible for IDEA services and is transitioning to independent living. After individuals attain 27 years of age, this criterion shall no longer apply.

Priority 2

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

1. The health and safety of the individual is likely to be in future jeopardy to due to
 - a. the unpaid primary caregiver having a declining chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition(s) or conditions that significantly limits his/her the ability to care for the individual, **and**
 - b. there are no other unpaid caregivers available to provide supports, **and**
 - c. the individual's skills are declining as a result of lack of supports; **or**
2. Individual is at risk of losing employment supports; **or**
3. The individual is at risk of losing current housing due to lack of adequate supports and services; **or**
4. The individual has needs or desired outcomes that with adequate supports will result in a significantly improved quality of life.

Priority 3

May not need waiver services in **over five years** as long as the current supports and services remain; however, the system should plan for future needs, as this person may present at any time.

1. Individual is receiving a service through another funding source that meets current needs; **or**
2. Individual is not currently receiving a service but is likely to need a service in 5 or more years; **or**
3. The individual has needs or desired outcomes that with adequate supports will result in a significantly improved quality of life.

This information is gathered by the case manager/supports coordinator during conversations with the individual/ family. If an individual is in Priority 1, then the case manager/supports coordinator with the individual/family complete the Critical Needs Summary.