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INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

To be eligible for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for persons with Severe Disabling Mental Illness, an individual must meet all the following criteria:

1. Financially eligible for Medicaid.
2. Age 18 and older.
3. Determined appropriate for the HCBS Program via a pre-admission screening.
4. Require nursing facility level of care.
5. Not reside in a hospital, nursing facility, or the Montana State Hospital.
6. Not receive case management services through another Medicaid program.
7. Not receive services through another waiver program.
8. Not require active treatment for mental illness. Active treatment for mental illness is provided through inpatient care at the Montana State Hospital or inpatient care at a local hospital with a psychiatric unit.
9. Reside in one of these approved waiver counties:

Big Horn, Carbon, Still water, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone, Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite, Powell, Silver Bow, Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, Toole, Lake, Flathead, Sanders, Lincoln and Ravalli.
10. Meet criteria for Severe Disabling Mental Illness (refer to page 2 of this Section).

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SEVERE DISABLING MENTAL ILLNESS CRITERIA

“Severe disabling mental illness” means with respect to a person who is 18 or more years of age that the person meets the requirements of (a) or (b) or (c). **The person must also meet the requirements of (d):**

(a) has been involuntarily hospitalized for at least 30 consecutive days because of a mental disorder at Montana State Hospital at least once; or

(b) has a DSM-IV diagnosis of (i) schizophrenic disorder (295); (ii) other psychotic disorder (295.40, 295.70, 297.1, 297.3, 298.9, 293.81, 293.82); (iii) mood disorder (296.2x, 296.3x, 296.40, 296.4x, 296.5x, 296.6x, 296.7, 296.80, 296.89, 293.83); (iv) amnesic disorder (294.0, 294.8); (v) disorder due to a general medical condition (310.1); or (vi) pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (299.80) when not accompanied by mental retardation; (vii) anxiety disorder (300.01, 300.21, 300.3) or

(c) has a DSM-IV diagnosis of personality disorder (301.00, 301.20, 301.22, 301.4, 301.50, 301.6, 301.81, 301.82, 301.83, or 301.90) which causes the person to be unable to work competitively on a full-time basis or to be unable to maintain a residence without assistance and support by family or a public agency for a period of at least 6 months (or for an obviously predictable period over 6 months); and

(d) has ongoing functioning difficulties because of the mental illness for a period of at least 6 months (or for an obviously predictable period over 6 months), as indicated by at least two of the following:

- (i) medical professional with prescriptive authority has determined that medication is necessary to control the symptoms of mental illness;
- (ii) the person is unable to work in a full-time competitive situation because of mental illness;
- (iii) the person has been determined to be disabled due to mental illness by the Social Security Administration;
- (iv) the person maintains a living arrangement only with the ongoing supervision, is homeless, or is at risk of homelessness due to mental illness; or
- (v) the person has had or will predictably have repeated episodes of decompensation. An episode of decompensation includes:
 - increased symptoms of psychosis
 - self-injury
 - suicidal or homicidal intent, or
 - psychiatric hospitalization.

A licensed mental health professional determines if an individual meets SDMI criteria.