

## CFBHN-Funded Service Eligibility

### ***Policy***

It is the policy of Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc. (CFBHN) that funded, persons served meet the state's priority population criteria, or are identified as eligible for services.

### ***Purpose***

The purpose of this policy is to outline the eligibility requirements of individuals who receive substance use and mental health services funded by the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

### ***Procedure***


- A. To be eligible to receive substance use and mental health services funded by the department, an individual must be a member of at least one of the department's priority populations approved by the legislature, and defined in state statute 394.674 F.S. The priority populations include:
1. Adult Mental Health Services:
    - A) Those with severe and persistent mental illness, as designated by the department using criteria that include severity of diagnosis, duration of the mental illness, ability to independently perform activities of daily living, and receipt of disability income for a psychiatric condition. Included within this group are:
      - 1) Older adults in crisis.
      - 2) Older adults who are at risk of being placed in a more restrictive environment because of their mental illness.
      - 3) Those deemed incompetent to proceed or not guilty by reason of insanity under chapter 916.
      - 4) Persons involved in the criminal justice system.
      - 5) Those diagnosed as having co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorder.
    - B) Those who are experiencing an acute mental or emotional crisis:
      - 1) As defined in statute as child, adolescent, or adult who is experiencing a psychotic episode or a high level of mental or emotional distress which may be precipitated by a traumatic event or a perceived life problem for which the individual's typical coping strategies are inadequate. 394.67(18) F.S.
      - 2) The term includes an individual who meets the criteria for involuntary examination specified in 394.463(1) F.S.
  2. Children's Mental Health Services:
    - A) Children who are at risk of emotional disturbance as defined in 394.492(4) F.S. "Child or adolescent at risk of emotional disturbance" means a person under 18 years of age who has an increased likelihood of becoming emotionally disturbed because of risk factors that include, but are not limited to:
      - 1) Being homeless.
      - 2) Having a family history of mental illness.
      - 3) Being physically or sexually abused or neglected.

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- 4) Abusing alcohol or other substances.
  - 5) Being infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
  - 6) Having a chronic and serious physical illness.
  - 7) Having been exposed to domestic violence.
  - 8) Having multiple out-of-home placements.
  - B) Children who have an emotional disturbance as defined in 394.492(5) F.S. “Child or adolescent who has an emotional disturbance” means a person under 18 years of age who is diagnosed with a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder of sufficient duration to meet one of the diagnostic categories specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association, but who does not exhibit behaviors that substantially interfere with or limit his or her role or ability to function in the family, school, or community. The emotional disturbance must not be considered to be a temporary response to a stressful situation. The term does not include a child or adolescent who meets the criteria for involuntary placement under 394.467(1) F.S.
  - C) Children with a serious emotional disturbance as defined in 394.492(6) F.S. “Child or adolescent who has a serious emotional disturbance or mental illness” means a person under 18 years of age who:
    - 1) Is diagnosed as having a mental, emotional or behavioral disorder that meets one of the diagnostic categories specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association; and
    - 2) Exhibits behaviors that substantially interfere with or limit his or her role or ability to function in the family, school, or community, which behaviors are not considered to be a temporary response to a stressful situation.
  - D) Children diagnosed as having a co-occurring substance abuse and emotional disturbance or serious emotional disturbance.
3. Substance Abuse Treatment Services:
- A) Adults who have substance abuse disorders and a history of intravenous drug use.
  - B) Persons diagnosed as having co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.
  - C) Parents who put their children at risk due to a substance abuse disorder.
  - D) Those who have a substance abuse disorder and have been ordered by the court to receive treatment.
  - E) Children at risk for initiating drug use.
  - F) Children under state supervision.
  - G) Children who have a substance abuse disorder but who are not under the supervision of a court or in the custody of a state agency.
  - H) Those identified as being part of a priority population as a condition for receiving services funded through the Center for Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants.

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4. Criteria for Addictions Receiving Facilities (65-30.005(5) F.A.C.)
  - A) To be considered eligible for placement, a person must be unable to be placed in a lower level of care and must also fall into one of the following categories:
    - 1) A voluntary individual who has a substance abuse problem to the extent that the person displays behaviors that indicate potential harm to self or others or who meets diagnostic medical criteria justifying placement in an addictions receiving facility; or
    - 2) An involuntary individual who meets the criteria specified in Section 397.675, F.S.; or
    - 3) An adult or juvenile offender who is ordered for assessment or treatment under Sections 397.705 and 397.706, F.S. and who meets diagnostic or medical criteria justifying placement in an addictions receiving facility; or
    - 4) Juveniles found in contempt authorized under Section 985.037, F.S.
  
5. Eligibility Criteria for Crisis Stabilization Facilities (65E-5.400(2)(b0 – (d) F.A.C.)
  - A) Baker Act services shall first be provided to acutely ill persons who are most in need of mental health services and are least able to pay.
  - B) Persons receiving Baker Act funded services must meet financial eligibility criteria as established by the federal poverty guidelines.
  - C) Public receiving facilities may provide Baker Act funded services to acutely ill persons who are financially ineligible if the total number of days of service paid for with Baker Act funds for financially ineligible persons does not exceed 20 percent of the total number of days paid for with Baker Act funds.
  - D) An individual’s diagnostic and financial eligibility shall be documented on mandatory form CF-MH 3084, Feb. 05, “Baker Act Service Eligibility,” which is incorporated by reference and may be obtained pursuant to Rule 65E-5.120, F.A.C., of this rule chapter.
  
- B. Verification of a consumer’s priority population eligibility is conducted via contract and program oversight, and/or annual monitoring conducted by CFBHN. Eligibility is verified through the review of a sample of individuals served by an NSP.

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