

Eligibility for Prior Authorization

The individual's request must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Services are appropriate to the individual's health and welfare needs, living arrangement, circumstances and expected outcomes, and
2. Services are of an appropriate type, amount duration, scope and intensity, and
3. Services are the most efficient and effective services that when combined with other nonwaiver services ensure the health and welfare of the individual receiving the services, and
4. The services are necessary to protect the individual from substantial harm expected to occur if the requested services are not authorized.

At least one of the following criteria must be met:

1. Episodes of injury to self or others that have occurred within the last three months when there is a continuing risk of injury to self or others
2. Presence of consistent behaviors in which the individual displays all of the following:
 - a) Lacks impulse control, **and**
 - b) Exhibits purposeful, dysfunctional goal-directed behavior to obtain or avoid something, **and**
 - c) Requires constant monitoring and continual redirection and/or behavioral intervention.
3. Presence of a progressive medical condition or a mental illness that is generally associated with:
 - a) Behaviors posing a risk to self or others, **and**
 - b) Requiring a controlled environment to maintain health and welfare
4. Presence of a medical condition which, without staff intervention, would threaten the individual's medical stability
5. Inability of an unpaid caregiver to provide previous levels of support or to provide the level of support currently required
6. Alterations in staffing ratios resulting from circumstances beyond the control of the individual. Examples could be loss of roommate or a change in vocational schedule.
7. An emergency situation that creates for an individual a risk of substantial self-harm **or** substantial harm to others if action is not taken within 30 days. An emergency may involve:
 - a) Abuse, neglect or exploitation of the individual, **or**
 - b) Health and welfare conditions that pose a serious risk to the individual or others, including immediate harm or death, **or**
 - c) Changes in the emotional or physical condition of the individual that necessitate substantial accommodations that cannot be reasonably provided by the individual's caretaker.