

Assertive Community Treatment Team Consumer Eligibility

Adults, 18 years of age or older, who have serious and persistent mental illness. A person shall be considered to have a serious and persistent mental illness when all of the following criteria for diagnosis, treatment history, and functioning level are met.

A. Diagnosis: Primary diagnosis of schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders such as schizoaffective disorder, or bipolar disorder as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM IV-R or any subsequent revisions thereafter). Individuals with a primary diagnosis of a substance use disorder, mental retardation, or brain injury are not the intended consumer group;

AND

B. Functioning level: Global Assessment of Functioning Scale (as specified in DSM IV-R or revisions thereafter) ratings of 40 or below;

AND

C. Consumers who meet at least two of the following criteria:

a. At least two psychiatric hospitalizations in the past 12 months or lengths of stay totaling over 30 days in the past 12 months that can include admissions to the psychiatric emergency services;

b. Intractable (i.e., persistent or very recurrent) severe major symptoms (e.g., affective, psychotic, suicidal);

c. Co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders with more than six months duration at the time of contact;

d. High risk or recent history of criminal justice involvement which may

include frequent contact with law enforcement personnel, incarcerations, parole or probation;

e. Literally homeless, imminent risk of being homeless, or residing in unsafe housing.

f. Residing in an inpatient or supervised community residence, but clinically assessed to be able to live in a more independent living situation if intensive services are provided, or requiring a residential or institutional placement if more intensive services are not available;

AND

D. Difficulty effectively utilizing traditional case management or office-based outpatient services, or evidence that they require a more assertive and frequent non-office based service to meet their clinical needs.

An individual who needs to receive ACT services, but who does not meet the requirements identified above may be eligible for ACT services upon written prior approval by Value Behavioral Health/Health Choices or Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration, as applicable. In order to meet the TMACT fidelity standard related to admission criteria, at least 90% of the consumers admitted to the program shall meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the bulletin.