

Eligibility Screening Tool for Onondaga County SPOA

Optional for use by referral sources

Applicant: _____

Age: _____

Is applicant likely to meet OMH SPMI criteria for OMH residential/housing programs through Adult SPOA?
Use this form to decide if it makes sense to do a SPOA application.

SPOA Eligibility: adults, serious mental illness, disability, recent psychiatric hospitalizations or ER visits, who need residential restorative services or supportive housing.

Diagnostic criteria: DSM 5 psychiatric diagnosis, serious mental illness (SMI) with disability

Examples:

Major Depressive Disorder, recurrent, severe (not from substance use or medical condition)

Bipolar I or II Disorder, severe, may be with rapid cycling or psychotic features

Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorder (Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective) and Psychotic Disorders (not from substance use)

(Not eligible: Disorders due to alcohol/drug use, organic brain syndromes, developmental disabilities, general medical conditions or social conditions)

Diagnosis: _____ DSM 5 code: _____

Disability criteria: Individual has a serious mental illness (SMI) resulting in functional impairments/disability which seriously interfere with the ability to function independently for an extended period (at least 1 year)

1. High need priority criteria for OMH (Mental Health) Residential or supportive housing; check all that apply:

- Currently inpatient in a state psychiatric facility
- Two or more psychiatric hospital admissions within the last 12 months
- Current AOT Order or AOT enhanced services
- ER visits for psychiatric reasons in the last 12 months
- Meets SMI criteria and is frequently presenting for services (ER's, correctional facilities, shelters, detox or rehab inpatient treatment) with high Medicaid costs
- Extended impairment in functioning due to a designated mental illness or

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2. Meets criteria for OMH (Mental Health) licensed residential programs;

- Applicant meets Medicaid Medical Necessity criteria
- Physician has determined necessity for Restorative Services

3. Meets OMH high need priority criteria for OMH (Mental Health) supportive housing

- Resident of OMH residential licensed housing
- Reliance on psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and supports
- Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability related to a diagnosed mental illness or

Applicants from AOT and Hutchings Psychiatric Center and OMH CNYPC have highest priority

If yes on sections 1 and 2 or 3, complete the SPOA application, SPOA Permission form, and send with treatment records to apply. Mail complete package to: Onondaga County SPOA, 421 Montgomery Street, 10th Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202 or Fax: 315-435-3279.