



County of Onondaga

Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services

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Onondaga County Mental Health SPOA (Adults) 2017 Optional Eligibility Screening Tool

Applicant: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Is the applicant likely to meet OMH SPMI criteria for services through Adult SPOA?

Use this form to decide if it makes sense to do a SPOA application.

SPOA Eligibility pertains to adults, who have a serious persistent mental illness resulting in impairments; who are in need of supportive housing or non-Medicaid care coordination.

Diagnostic Criteria: DSM 5 psychiatric diagnosis, i.e. serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) 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, dementia, organic brain syndromes, developmental disabilities, neurocognitive disorders, 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 priority criteria for OMH (Mental Health) licensed or supported housing; one or more of the following:**

- Currently inpatient in a state psychiatric facility*
- Two or more psychiatric hospital admissions within the last 12 months
- AOT Order or AOT enhanced services*
- Resident of OMH residential licensed housing
- ER visits for psychiatric reasons in the last 12 months

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- Meets SPMI criteria and is frequently presenting for services (ER's, correctional facilities, shelters, detox or rehab inpatient treatment) with high Medicaid costs
*Note: Applicants from AOT and Hutchings Psychiatric Center have highest priority

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

Has a diagnosed serious mental illness and one or more of the following:

- Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability related to a diagnosed mental illness
or
 Extended impairment in functioning due to a designated mental illness or
 Reliance on psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and supports
 Physician has determined necessity for Restorative Services; applicant meets Medicaid Medical Necessity criteria

3. Meets basic criteria for non-Medicaid Care Management (NMCM):

Serious psychiatric disorder **AND** functional impairments (in ADLs, personal safety, community living, self-sufficiency, use/engagement with medical or mental health services, housing vulnerability)

If yes on sections 1, 2 and/or 3; complete the SPOA application to apply for these programs:

NMCM (non-Medicaid Care Management)
OMH residential programs (licensed housing or SRO's)
OMH supported housing programs (for OMH high priority only)

Note:

All evictions and housing emergencies go through DSS on the second floor of the Civic Center, or after hours call Contact at: 211
Please do not use SPOA application for evictions or housing emergencies
SPOA does not have housing for families

Reminder of system changes:

All Homeless Housing and Rapid Rehousing applications go through Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHC) HMIS Coordinated Entry process. See www.hhccny.org for more information, or call 211.