

View Point Health Assertive Community Treatment Eligibility Requirements

(Client ***must*** meet all 5 criteria, please check all that apply)

1. Individuals 18 years and older with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) that seriously impairs the ability to live in the community. Priority is given to those individuals recently discharged from state hospitals who have a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychotic disorders (i.e. schizoaffective disorder) **AND**
2. Functional Impairments as demonstrated by an inability to consistently engage in **at least three** of the following:
 - Maintain personal hygiene
 - Meet nutritional need
 - Care for personal business affairs
 - Obtain medical, legal and housing services
 - Recognize & avoid common dangers or hazards to self & possessions
 - Persistent or recurrent failure to perform daily living tasks without significant support or assistance from others such as friends, family or other relatives
 - Employment at a self-sustaining level or inability to consistently carry out household roles (meal preparation, washing clothes, budgeting, childcare responsibilities)
 - Maintain safe living situation (evicted from housing or recent loss of housing or imminent risk of loss of housing)
3. Past (within 180 days of admission) or current response to other community-based behavior health intensive services has shown minimal effectiveness (must have documentation)
4. **Two or more** of the following that are indicators of continuous high-service needs (i.e., greater than 8 hours of service per month):
 - High use of acute psychiatric hospitals or crisis/emergency services including mobile, in-clinic or crisis residential (3 or more admissions per year) or extended hospital stays (60 days within past year) or psychiatric emergency services.
 - Persistent, recurrent, severe, or major symptoms that place the individual at risk for harm to self or others (e.g. command hallucinations, suicidal ideation or gestures, homicidal ideation or gestures, self-harm).
 - Coexisting substance use disorder of significant duration.(e.g., greater than 6 months) or co-diagnosis of substance abuse (ASAM Levels I, II.1, II.5, III.3, III.5)
 - High risk for or a recent history of criminal justice involvement because of mental illness (e.g., arrest or incarceration)
 - Chronically homeless as defined as a) continuously homeless for one full year; **OR** b) having at least four (4) episodes of homelessness within the past three (3) years.
 - Residing in an inpatient bed or highly supervised 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.
 - Inability to participate in traditional clinic-based services
5. A lower level of service has been tried or considered and found inappropriate at this time.

Clinical Exclusions

Individuals *cannot* have a primary diagnosis of developmental disability, autism, organic mental disorder, substance-related disorder or traumatic brain injury and/or primarily Axis II diagnosis.