

SPD Appendix A

Service Eligibility

To be eligible for nursing home and community based care services, seniors and people with disabilities must be financially eligible for Medicaid and need the help of another person to perform common every day tasks. These tasks are called Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), are outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule 411-015-0005(5), and are categorized as:

Bathing and Personal Hygiene – Individuals with limitations in these areas need the assistance of another person to bathe, shave, cleanse their mouths or brush their teeth. The assistance may be to remind them how to perform the task; stand by for help or someone may need to perform the task in its entirety

Levels of need in Bathing and Personal Hygiene:

- ◆ **Assist** means individuals need the help of another person with some parts of the task.
- ◆ **Full Assist** means individuals need the help of another person throughout the task.

Cognition/Behavior – Individuals with impairments in cognition need assistance from another person due to difficulty adapting to changes; recognizing care needs; remembering important current information; or understanding the consequences of decisions. They may pose a danger to self or others; have behaviors limiting types of living arrangements; may not be oriented to time, place or familiar people; or may wander without knowing they are in danger.

Levels of need in Cognition/Behavior are:

- ◆ **Assist** means individuals need direction and/or supervision in some areas of cognition or behavior.
- ◆ **Full Assist** means individuals need constant direction and close supervision in at least three areas noted above.

Dressing and Grooming – Individuals with impairments in these tasks need the help of another person to dress; undress, or to perform common grooming tasks, such as brushing their hair.

Levels of need in Dressing and Grooming are:

- ◆ **Assist** means individuals need the help of another person with some parts of the task.
- ◆ **Full Assist** means individuals always need the help of another person throughout the task.

Eating – Individuals with limitations in eating need the help of another person to feed themselves. Someone must stay in sight to monitor for choking or to assist with special utensils. The individual may need to be fed by another person or verbally encouraged to eat.

Levels of need in Eating are:

- ◆ **Assist** means individuals need someone within sight to assist with special equipment, to monitor for choking or encouragement while eating.
- ◆ **Full Assistance** means individuals always need one-on-one help to eat; or nutritional IVs or tube feeding set up by another person.

Elimination – Individuals with limitations in elimination need the help of another person for bowel or bladder care. They may also need assistance getting to and from the toilet or cleansing after elimination or adjusting clothing.

Levels of need in Elimination are:

- ◆ **Assist** means at least once a month, the individual needs help from another person for at least parts of the task.
- ◆ **Full Assist** means the individual always needs assistance from another person throughout the task.

Mobility – Individuals with limitations in mobility need the help of another person to move around in their care setting, outside or in unfamiliar surroundings. They may also need assistance from another person to move to or from a chair, bed, or wheelchair.

Levels of need in Mobility are:

- ◆ **Full Assistance** means individuals can never move around without the help of another person or they can never move to or from a chair, bed, or wheelchair without the help of another person.
- ◆ **Substantial Assistance** (in Ambulation) means individuals sometimes need assistance from another person to move around their home or care setting or, at least four times per month, individuals need help from another person to move to or from a chair, bed, or wheelchair within their care setting.
- ◆ **Minimal Assistance** (in Ambulation) means individuals need the assistance of another person to get around outside their home or care setting.

- ◆ **Transfer Assist** means at least four (4) days per month, the individual can transfer only if assisted by another person.

Priority of Services (OAR 411-015-0010)

Priority levels include groups of impairments and levels of impairments. Individuals with the most impairments are assessed at a higher priority level. As an example, individuals at level 1 have much greater needs than someone at level 15 to 17.

During the 2003 Session, the Legislature provided funding for levels 1 through 13. SPD received approval from the federal government (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) to provide services to clients who are assessed within those levels.

Individuals Eligible for Services

- Level 1** The individual requires **full assistance** with Mobility, Eating, Elimination and Cognition.
- Level 2** The individual requires **full assistance** with Mobility, Eating and Cognition.
- Level 3** The individual requires **full assistance** with Mobility, or Cognition, or Eating.
- Level 4** The individual needs **full assistance** with Elimination.
- Level 5** The individual is slightly less impaired than a person assessed at the higher levels. At this level the individual requires **substantial assistance** with Mobility, **assistance** with Elimination and **assistance** with Eating.

- Level 6** The individual requires **substantial assistance** with Mobility and **assistance** with Eating.
- Level 7** The individual requires **substantial assistance** with Mobility and **assistance** with Elimination.
- Level 8** The individual requires **minimal assistance** with Mobility and **assistance** with Eating and **assistance** Elimination.
- Level 9** The individual requires **assistance** with Eating and **assistance** with Elimination.
- Level 10** The individual requires **substantial assistance** with Mobility.
- Level 11** The individual requires **minimal assistance** with Mobility and **assistance** with Elimination.
- Level 12** The individual requires **minimal assistance** with Mobility and **assistance** with Eating.
- Level 13** The individual requires **assistance** with Elimination.

Individuals with Impairments but not eligible for Medicaid Services

- Level 14** The individual requires **assistance** with Eating.
- Level 15** The individual requires **minimal assistance** with Mobility.
- Level 16** The individual requires **full assistance** with Bathing or Dressing.
- Level 17** The individual requires **assistance** with Bathing or Dressing.