



Admission Criteria Policy

It is the policy of New Challenges Inc. to promote continuity of care by ensuring that admission and service initiation is consistent with a person's service recipient rights and its knowledge, skill, and ability to meet the service and support needs of persons served by its programs.

Procedures

A. Pre-admission

Before admitting a person to the program, the program must provide the following information to the person or the person's legal representative:

1. Identifies the criteria to be applied in determining whether the program can develop services to meet the needs specified in the person's coordinated service and support plan.

B. Service initiation

1. Service recipient rights

Upon service initiation the program will provide each person or each person's legal representative with a written notice that identifies the service recipient rights under 245D.04, and an explanation of those rights within five working days of service initiation and annually and an explanation of those rights within five working days of service initiation and annually thereafter. Reasonable accommodations will be made to provide this information in other formats or languages as needed to facilitate understanding of the rights by the person and the person's legal representative, if any. The program will maintain documentation of the person's or the person's legal representative's receipt of a copy and an explanation of the rights.

2. Availability of program policies and procedures

The program will inform the person, or the person's legal representative, and case manager of the policies and procedures affecting a person's rights and provide copies of the following policies and procedures, within five working days of service initiation:

- Grievance policy and procedure
- Service suspension and termination policy and procedure
- Emergency use of manual restraints policy and procedure
- Data privacy

3. Handling property and funds
The program will obtain written authorization from the person or the person's legal representative and the case manager whenever the program will assist a person with the safekeeping of funds or other property. Authorization must be obtained within five working days of service initiation and renewed annually thereafter. At the time initial authorization is obtained, the program will ask the person or the person's legal representative and the case manager how often they want to receive a statement that itemizes receipts and disbursements of funds or other property. The program will document the preference. The program will document changes to these preferences when they are requested.

C. Refusal to admit a person

1. Refusal to admit a person to the program must be based on an evaluation of the person's assessed needs and the licensed provider's lack of capacity to meet the needs of the person.
2. New Challenges will not refuse to admit a person based solely on:
 - a. The type of residential services the person is receiving
 - b. Person's severity of disability;
 - c. Orthopedic or neurological handicaps;
 - d. Sight or hearing impairments;
 - e. Lack of communication skills;
 - f. Physical disabilities;
 - g. Toilet habits;
 - h. Behavioral disorders; or
 - i. Past failure to make progress
3. Documentation of the basis of refusal must be provided to the person or the person's legal representative and case manager upon request.

Policy reviewed and authorized by:

Date of last policy review: _____ Date of last policy revision: _____