

URGENCY OF NEED FOR SERVICES

On April 1, 1999, the Department initiated a change in collecting data to better determine how soon an individual requesting waived services, would actually need or want those services. This data is collected during the completion of the Developmental Disability (DD) Screening Document. The DD Screening Document serves as documentation of eligibility and establishes the authorization of Medical Assistance payments for ICFs/MR, waiver, and nursing facilities. The document also serves as a summary of the Individual Service Plan (ISP).

Since the change in data collection, the Department has been receiving information on the urgency of an individual's need for waived services. This data is compiled after the case manager and individual or their legal representative, have discussed their needs and support systems. It does not reflect the perceived wait for waived services or the anticipation of future waiver allocations. The following table includes statewide information which has been collected since April 1, 1999. Information about the urgency of need by age group can be found in Attachment E; county specific information can be found in Attachment F.

Urgency of Need for Waivered Services

Individuals Choosing Waiver with Screening after April 1, 1999		Requesting Waiver Within 12 Months		Requesting Waiver Within 13 to 36 Months		Requesting Waiver Beyond 36 Months		New Screening Not Yet Completed
Living Arrangement	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Board & Lodge	3	2	67%	1	33%		0%	9
Family Home	915	537	59%	220	24%	158	17%	1812
Foster Care, Family	80	42	52%	25	31%	13	16%	236
Foster Care, Live-In	9	3	33%	4	44%	2	22%	21
Foster Care, Shift Staff	22	16	73%	5	23%	1	5%	93
ICF/MR	247	119	48%	66	27%	62	25%	470
Other	34	24	71%	10	29%			124
Own Home	20	15	75%	5	25%			51
RTC	10	7	70%	3	30%			19
TOTALS	1340	765	57%	339	25%	236	18%	2835

Data Source: MMIS DD Screening Documents, 10/29/99