

Guidance for determining:

At-risk of admission to a Personal Care Home

This document was developed to provide guidance to Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) In-Reach Coordinators for use in determining if an individual meets criteria for being “at-risk of admission to a Personal Care Home (PCH)”, and for use in deciding whether to make a referral to the Data Tracking Tool for an individual “at-risk of admission to a PCH”.

An individual is determined to be at risk of admission to a PCH if the following criteria are met:

1. Adult with SMI
AND
2. Impairment in at least one major area of living - such as inability to care for or support self, communicate, or make and maintain interpersonal relationships
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3. Requires services that prevent institutionalization – such as multiple mental health treatment services per month, Assertive Community Treatment, Intensive Case Management
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4. Imminent institutionalization – plans or process in place for placement into a PCH (or other long-term care)
OR
4. One or more of the following:
 - a. Long-term (≥90 days) inpatient psychiatric hospital stay within the last 60 days
 - b. History of 2 or more inpatient psychiatric hospital admissions within the last 12 months
 - c. History of multiple housing situation loss due to SMI-related symptoms/behaviors – such as evictions, inability to meet lease agreement terms, inability to retain housing controlled by family/friend/other
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- AND**
5. Existence of a current diversion/transition plan (updated in the last 12 months)