

Instructions: This form must be completed by a mental health professional.¹

Print Applicant Name: _____
(To be filled in the Bridges Housing Agency)

- I hereby verify that the applicant **does meet** the definition of having a mental illness² per Minn. Stat. 245.462, subd. 20 (a).
- I hereby verify that the application **does not meet** the definition of having a mental illness² per Minn. Stat. 245.462, subd. 20 (a).

Documents to confirm this determination are contained in the case file of the applicant named above.

Print Name of Mental Health Professional

License/Qualification of Mental Health Professional

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Mental Health Professional

Date

**Return this form to the following address:
(To be filled in the Bridges Housing Agency)**

Douglas County HRA

Fax: 320-762-3034

Print Name of Housing Agency

1224 N Nokomis NE

PO Box 965

Alexandria

MN

56308

Address

City

State

Zip Code

¹ A person providing clinical services in the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the following ways:

1. In psychiatric nursing: a registered nurse who is licensed under Sections 148.171 to 148.285; and: (i) who is certified as a clinical specialist or as a nurse practitioner in adult or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization; or (ii) who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness
2. In clinical social work: a person licensed as an independent clinical social worker under Chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness
3. In psychology: an individual licensed by the Board of Psychology under Sections 148.88 to 148.98 who has stated to the Board of Psychology competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness
4. In psychiatry: a physician licensed under Chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry, or an osteopathic physician licensed under Chapter 147 and certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry or eligible for board certification in psychiatry
5. In marriage and family therapy: the Mental Health Professional must be a marriage and family therapist licensed under Sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least two years of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;
6. 6) In licensed professional clinical counseling, the Mental Health Professional shall be a licensed professional clinical counselor under Section 148B.5301 with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness
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² Minnesota Statute 245.462, subdivision 20, Mental illness. (a) Adults

Minnesota Statute 245.462, subdivision 20, Mental Illness

(a) "Mental Illness" means an organic disorder of the brain or a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, memory, or behavior that is detailed in a diagnostic codes list published by the commissioner, and that seriously limits a person's capacity to function in primary aspects of daily living such as personal relations, living arrangements, work, and recreation.

(b) An “adult with acute mental illness” means an adult who has a mental illness that is serious enough to require prompt intervention.

(c) For purposes of case management and community support services, a “person with serious and persistent mental illness” means an adult who has a mental illness and meets at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) The adult has undergone two or more episodes of inpatient care for a mental illness within the preceding 24 months;
- (2) The adult has experienced a continuous psychiatric hospitalization or residential treatment exceeding six months’ duration within the preceding 12 months;
- (3) The adult has been treated by a crisis team two or more times within the preceding 24 months;
- (4) The adult:
 - (i) Has a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, or borderline personality disorder;
 - (ii) Indicates a significant impairment in functioning; and
 - (iii) Has a written opinion from a mental health professional, in the last three years, stating that the adult is reasonably likely to have future episodes requiring inpatient or residential treatment, of a frequency described in clause (1) or (2), unless ongoing case management or community support services are provided;
- (5) The adult has, in the last three years, been committed by a court as a person who is mentally ill under chapter 253B, or the adult’s commitment has been stayed or continued; or
- (6) The adult (i) was eligible under clauses (1) to (5), but the specified time period has expired or the adult was eligible as a child under section 245.4871, subdivision 6; and (ii) has a written opinion from a mental health professional, in the last three years, stating that the adult is reasonably likely to have future episodes requiring inpatient or residential treatment, of a frequency described in clause (1) or (2), unless ongoing case management or community support services are provided.
- (7) The adult was eligible as a child under section 245.4871, subdivision 6, and is age 21 or younger.

2) Child with Severe Emotional Disturbance

Minnesota Statute 245.4871, subdivision 6, for purposes of eligibility for case management and family community support services, “child with severe emotional disturbance” means a child who has an emotional disturbance and who meets one of the following criteria:

- a) The child has been admitted within the last three years or is at risk of being admitted to inpatient treatment or residential treatment for an emotional disturbance; or
- b) The child is a Minnesota resident and is receiving inpatient treatment or residential treatment of an emotional disturbance through the interstate compact; or
- c) The child has one of the following as determined by a mental health professional:

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- i. Psychosis or a clinical depression; or
 - ii. Risk of harming self or others as a result of an emotional disturbance; or
 - iii. Psychopathological symptoms as a result of being a victim of physical or sexual abuse or of psychic trauma within the past year; or
- d) The child, as a result of an emotional disturbance, has significantly impaired home, school, or community functioning that has lasted at least one year or that, in the written opinion of a mental health professional, presents substantial risk of lasting at least one year.