

Critical Needs Summary Guidance

Criteria for Rating	Scoring Key	Explanation
1. Primary caregiver has a chronic or long-term physical or psychiatric condition or conditions which present an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the individual; there are no other unpaid caregivers available to provide supports	5	<p><i>The primary caregiver demonstrates that he/she has an ongoing physical or psychiatric condition that has been determined will likely result in immediate jeopardy within the next year. There is evidence to substantiate this.</i></p> <p><i>Only if no other unpaid caregiver can be available may points be assigned for this item.</i></p>
2. Primary caregiver can no longer provide care	3	<p><i>Primary, unpaid caregiver demonstrates that he/she cannot continue to provide care much longer (within the next year) due to physical, mental, emotional, financial burden of care giving which will result in immediate jeopardy, should it occur. There is evidence to substantiate this.</i></p>
3. Clear risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation of the individual	5	<p><i>There is documentation that the individual has been referred to the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) Child or Dept. of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Adult Protective Services (as appropriate to his age) for investigation of a situation involving suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation as defined in the DBHDS Human Rights Regulations [12 VAC 35-115]. Further examples of instances of abuse, neglect and exploitation are contained in the DSS document, "Indicators of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation" found at:</i></p> <p><i>http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/aps.cgi</i></p>
4. The individual lives in an institutional setting and has a viable discharge plan	18	<p><i>The individual lives in an ICF-IID or a nursing facility.</i></p>
5. Currently homeless (i.e., does not have a home)	10	<p><i>This item requires that homelessness has already occurred. Individuals meeting this criterion may be living in a homeless shelter, on the street or just discharged/removed from their present living situation with nowhere else to go.</i></p>
6. Facing imminent (within the next 90 days) homelessness (e.g., terminally ill caregiver)	5	<p><i>The individual is anticipated to be homeless within the next 90 days due to anticipated discharge from a time-limited residential service, the imminent death of the present caregiver, etc.</i></p>

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		<i>NOTE: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services expect that “there is reasonable indication that the individual would need services in the appropriate level of care within the near future (one month or less).”</i>
7. Immediate health/safety risk to individual, caregiver or others due to the individual’s behaviors, physical care needs (such as lifting or bathing), or medical needs	<p>A. Behaviors HIGH: Serious safety risk to self/others = 5 MODERATE: Moderate/occasional risk to self/other = 3 LOW: minimal risk to self/others = 1</p> <p>B. Physical care needs (such as lifting or bathing), or medical needs HIGH: Must address serious or life threatening concerns and/or individual cannot perform ADLs without physical assistance = 5 MODERATE: Medical, physical care needs that require active support = 3 LOW: Medical, physical care needs that require occasional assistance = 1</p>	<p><i>The health and safety of the individual, caregiver or others is endangered due to documented, current behaviors such as aggression (towards others or self), fire-setting, running into traffic, etc.</i></p> <p><i>The health/safety of the individual is at risk due to the seriousness of his/her medical needs. The health/safety of the caregiver/others in the home is at risk due to the demands of the individual’s physical care (e.g., lifting, carrying an individual larger than the caregiver, demanding ‘round the clock needs which jeopardize the health and safety of the caregiver.)</i></p>
8. The individual is a young adult who is no longer eligible for IDEA services and is transitioning to independent living. After individuals attain 27 years of age, this criterion shall no longer apply.	5	
Number of caregivers	No caregiver = 5 1 caregiver = 3	

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Number of areas met on VIDES	Adults	Infants & Children through 17	<i>See most recent VIDES</i>
	3 = 1 4 = 2 5-6 = 3 7-8 = 4	2-3 = 1 4 = 2 5-6 = 3 7-8 = 4	
Environmental concerns (e.g., poor condition of the current living situation, primary caregiver has ongoing caretaking responsibilities for other dependents)	3		<i>Home/neighborhood conditions threaten the health and safety of the individual. For example; unsanitary home conditions that have been reported to APS or CPS, verified violent or criminal elements in the neighborhood, or a primary and only caregiver stressed with the care of multiple disabled individuals, etc.)</i>