

ADMISSION CRITERIA POLICY

Policy

It is the policy of Living Well Disability Services to promote continuity of care by ensuring that admission and service initiation is consistent with a person's service recipient rights under section [245D.04](#) and Living Well Disability Services knowledge, skill, and ability to meet the service and support needs of person's served by this program.

Procedures

A. Pre-admission

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

1. Information on the limits to services available from the program, including the knowledge and skill of the program staff and the program's ability to meet the person's service and support needs.
2. This item applies only all Living Well Disability Services owned residential homes (Customized Services are exempted): a copy of the fact sheet Living Well Disability Services received from a law enforcement authority or corrections agent for a person who is a registered predatory offender currently being served by the program when the fact sheet includes a risk level classification for the offender. The fact sheet received by Living Well Disability Services should not be altered when it being provided and should contain the following information: (1) name and physical description of the offender; (2) the offender's conviction history, including the dates of conviction; (3) the risk level classification assigned to the offender under section [244.052](#), if any; and (4) the profile of likely victims. If a person is being admitted to Living Well Disability Services who is a registered predatory offender and Living Well Disability Services has received a fact sheet, a copy of the fact sheet must be provided to all persons currently served by the program, or their legal representative.

B. Service initiation

1. Service recipient rights
Upon service initiation Living Well Disability Services 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 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. Living Well Disability Services 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
Living Well Disability Services must inform the person, or the person's legal representative, and case manager of the policies and procedures affecting a person's rights under section [245D.04](#), and provide copies of the following policies and procedures, within five working days of service initiation:
 - Grievance policy and procedure
 - Service suspension policy and procedure.
 - Service termination policy and procedure.
 - Emergency use of manual restraints policy and procedure

- Data privacy policy and procedure

3. Handling property and funds

Living Well Disability Services 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. Living Well Disability Services will document the preference. Living Well Disability Services 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. Living Well Disability Services must 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
 - 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.

Legal Authority: MS §§ [245D.11](#), subd. 4; [245D.04](#), subd.2,(4) to (7), and 3, (8)