

ATTACHMENT E

Description of Consumers

A. LIDDA Priority Population

In accordance with the definition of “LIDDA priority population” found in 40 TAC, Chapter 5, Subchapter D (Diagnostic Assessment), the LIDDA priority population is a group comprised of persons who meet one or more of the following descriptions:

- A person with an intellectual disability, as defined by Texas Health and Safety Code §591.003;
- A person with autism spectrum disorder, as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;
- A person with a related condition, listed in http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/guidelines/ICD-9-CM_Diagnostic_Codes.pdf, who is eligible for, and enrolling in services in the ICF/IID Program, Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Program, or Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program;
- A nursing facility resident who is eligible for specialized services for intellectual disability or a related condition pursuant to Section 1919(e)(7) of the Social Security Act;
- A child who is eligible for Early Childhood Intervention services through the Health and Human Services Commission; and
- A person diagnosed by an authorized provider as having a pervasive developmental disorder through a diagnostic assessment completed before November 15, 2015.

The determination of eligibility for the priority population must be made through the use of assessments and evaluations performed by qualified professionals. Individuals who are members of the priority population are eligible to receive IDD services identified in Attachment F, as appropriate for the individual’s level of need, eligibility for a particular service, and the availability of that service.

Since resources are insufficient to meet the service needs of every consumer in the priority population, services should be provided to meet the most intense needs first. Intense needs are determined as follows:

- an individual is in danger or at risk of losing his or her support system, especially the living arrangement or supports needed to maintain self;
- an individual is at risk of abuse or neglect;
- an individual's basic health and safety needs not being met through current supports;
- an individual is at risk for functional loss without intervention or preventive or maintenance services; or
- an individual demonstrates repeated criminal behavior.

B. Miscellaneous

An LIDDA may serve consumers who have resided in a state supported living center on a regular admission status, but who may not be in the priority population.