

9555.5605 ASSESSMENT.

Subpart 1. **Assessment.** A social worker from the local agency or service agency of the county of financial responsibility shall ensure that a person seeking adult foster home placement has an assessment to determine the person's need for adult foster care.

A. An adult who has or may have a diagnosis of developmental disability shall be assessed under parts 9525.0004 to 9525.0036.

B. An adult requesting adult foster care services shall be assessed.

C. An assessment performed under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0911 shall satisfy the provisions of item D.

D. An assessment coordinated by a social worker and review of any information gathered from professionals must be made of the adult's:

(1) ability to manage activities of daily living;

(2) physical health, including impairments of mobility, sight, hearing, and speech;

(3) intellectual functioning and mental health, including impairments of judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life;

(4) need for supervision;

(5) need for protection;

(6) need for assistance in safeguarding cash resources;

(7) need for medication assistance;

(8) employability and vocational skills;

(9) need for family and community involvement; and

(10) need for community, social, or health services.

Subp. 2. **Mobility access assessment.** Before placement, or after placement if the local agency has reasonable cause to believe a mobility access, seizure, or disability problem has developed, the social worker shall determine, in consultation with the prospective resident and the resident's representative and any other person knowledgeable about the resident's needs, whether accessibility aides or modifications to the residence are needed. The need for accessibility aides or modifications to the residence shall be determined for persons with regular seizures or physical disabilities using an accessibility checklist approved by the commissioner in consultation with persons knowledgeable about the accessibility and mobility needs of the resident and persons knowledgeable about

accessibility modifications to residential occupancies. A person using a wheelchair must be housed on a level with an exit directly to grade.

Subp. 3. **Placement standards.** A person shall be appropriate for adult foster home placement if the person:

- A. is an adult;
- B. is functionally impaired;
- C. has requested, or the adult's legal representative has requested, foster care placement;
- D. has demonstrated a need for foster care based on the assessment in subpart 1;
- E. does not require continuous medical care or treatment in a facility licensed for acute care under chapter 4640; and
- F. has been approved for placement under parts 9525.0004 to 9525.0036, if the adult has a developmental disability.

Subp. 4. **Placement and consumer choice.** A person who is appropriate for adult foster home placement, and the person's legal representative must be allowed to choose among between the homes that the social worker determines would meet the person's foster care needs.

Subp. 5. **Matching.** When referring the adult seeking foster care to a licensed adult foster home, the social worker shall match the licensing study information and the capacity of the adult foster home program developed by the operator under part 9555.6235 with the assessed needs of the functionally impaired adult determined under part 9555.5605, subparts 1 and 2.

Subp. 6. **Preplacement visit.** The social worker shall arrange for the functionally impaired adult to visit the prospective adult foster home before placement, except in cases of emergency placement or placement for less than 30 consecutive days. Before placement, the following shall be discussed with the operator:

- A. the needs of the functionally impaired adult as determined by the assessment in part 9555.5605, subparts 1 and 2;
- B. the foster care that must be provided by the operator to the adult seeking placement;
- C. the adult's need for additional community health and social services and the operator's responsibility in assisting with provision of or access to those services; and
- D. the financial arrangements to pay for the adult foster care.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 256.01; 256B.092; 256E.03; 256E.05; 256E.08; 393.07*

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