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Summary

Clarifying information under WAC 388-448-0001 regarding non PEP incapacity determinations was updated to clarifying the process and define this process as a social worker responsibility.

Previous version:

GUIDELINES

1. Persons who meet the criteria of WAC 388-448-0001(1)(a) through (e) are found eligible by the Financial Worker if there is supporting documentation. When the necessary supporting information is available, these individuals do not need a PEP decision. A person who is incapacitated based on these non-PEP criteria is referred to a Social Worker for services such as treatment and referral monitoring and SSI Facilitation. Persons eligible according to WAC 388-448-0001(1)(a) through (e) do not require review of incapacity.
2. A person released from a psychiatric facility does not need a PEP decision if they provide a copy of their discharge summary and proof of current treatment from a mental health center to verify that they meet the requirements of WAC 388-448-0001(2)(a).
3. If a person is not in outpatient mental health treatment at the time they apply for GAU, a PEP decision must be made. A person is not eligible under WAC 388-448-001(2) if they do not have a psychiatric diagnosis and they were hospitalized in a psychiatric facility for problems resulting from substance abuse.

Current version:

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. Persons who meet the criteria of WAC 388-448-0001(1)(a) through (e) are found eligible by the **Social Worker** if there is supporting documentation. When the necessary supporting information is available, these individuals do not need a PEP decision.
2. A person who is determined to be incapacitated based on these non-PEP criteria is eligible for case management services such as treatment and referral monitoring and SSI Facilitation.
3. Review of incapacity is not necessary for:
 - a. A person over the age of sixty five.
 - b. A person who remains eligible for long-term care services from Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA).
4. A person released from a psychiatric facility does not need a PEP decision if the person provides:
 - a. A copy of the psychiatric discharge summary; and
 - b. Proof of current treatment from a mental health center to verify that they meet the requirements of WAC 388-448-0001(2)(a).
5. A person is not eligible under WAC 388-448-001(2) if they do not have a psychiatric diagnosis and they were hospitalized in a psychiatric facility for problems resulting from substance abuse.

Note: If a person is not in outpatient mental health treatment at the time they apply for GA, a PEP decision must be made.