

MEDICAID LOC CRITERIA

PROTECTIVE (PLOC)

1. The individual's physical and mental condition and/or service needs do not meet all of the criteria for a skilled LOC, Intermediate LOC, or an ICF-MR level of care; and
2. The individual requires one of the following:
 - a. Supervision of one ADL and assistance with three IADL's; or
 - b. Supervision of self-administration of medication and assistance with three IADL's; or
 - c. Due to a cognitive impairment, including but not limited to dementia, the individual requires the presence of another person, on less than a twenty-four hour basis for the purpose of supervision to prevent harm.

INTERMEDIATE (ILOC)

1. The individual's physical and mental condition and/or service needs require services beyond protective level of care, but do not meet the minimum criteria for either a skilled level of care or an ICF-MR level of care; and
2. At least one of the following applies:
 - a. The individual requires hands on assistance with the completion of at least two ADL's; or
 - b. The individual requires hands on assistance with the completion of at least one ADL and hands on assistance with medication administration; or
 - c. The individual requires one or more skilled nursing services or skilled rehabilitation services at less than a skilled care level; or
 - d. Due to a cognitive impairment, including but not limited to dementia, the individual requires the presence of another person, on a twenty-four hour a day basis for the purpose of supervision to prevent harm.

SKILLED (SLOC)

1. The individual's physical and mental condition requires services beyond the minimums for a protective level of care, an intermediate level of care, and an ICF-MR level of care; and
2. The individual requires a minimum of one of the following:
 - a. one skilled nursing service on no less than 7 days per week; or
 - b. one skilled rehabilitation service on no less than 5 days per week; and
3. the individual has an unstable medical condition, as defined below:

"Unstable medical condition" means clinical signs and symptoms are present in an individual and a physician has determined that:

 - (a) The individual's signs and symptoms are outside of the normal range for that individual;
 - (b) The individual's signs and symptoms require extensive monitoring and ongoing evaluation of the individual's status and care and there are supporting diagnostic or ancillary testing reports that justify the need for frequent monitoring or adjustment of the treatment regimen;
 - (c) Changes in the individual's medical condition are uncontrollable or unpredictable and may require immediate interventions; and
 - (d) A licensed health professional must provide ongoing assessments and evaluations of the individual that will result in adjustments to the treatment regimen as medically necessary. The adjustments to the treatment regimen must happen at least monthly, and the designated licensed health professional must document that the medical interventions are medically necessary.