

## **PSN, MNCHOICES, AND COORDINATED ENTRY ASSESSMENTS**

### **What are the assessment pathways to access Housing Stabilization Services?**

A person can access Housing Stabilization Services through an assessment that verifies the person has an assessed need for services (see below) and experiences housing instability. The three assessment pathways include:

1. Professional Statement of Need
2. MnCHOICES or Long-term Care Consultation (LTCC) Assessment
3. Coordinated Entry Assessment

### **Are there common definitions for the four assessed need areas (communication, mobility, decision making, and managing challenging behaviors)?**

No. The Department reviewed, and updated where necessary, questions assessing the four need areas on each unique assessment tool. Each pathway also relies on the assessor's professional judgment of the person's need during the assessment process.

### **How is "recently transitioned" defined for the purposes of determining housing instability for someone leaving an institution or licensed or registered setting?**

"Recently transitioned" is defined as within the past six months [see Minn. Stat. §256B.051, Subd. 3(5)(ii)].

### **If someone meets the qualified professional qualifications as identified in Section 2 (Disabling Condition) of the [Professional Statement of Need](#), are they also considered qualified to complete Section 3 (Medical Assistance Housing Stabilization Services)?**

Yes, by virtue of meeting the qualified professional qualifications in Section 2, DHS authorizes the use of their professional judgment when completing Section 3. The only exception to this is that a county designee who is otherwise not a qualified professional cannot complete Section 3. Additionally, multiple qualified professionals may complete different sections of the Professional Statement of Need so long as each professional meets the allowable qualified professional requirements for a given disabling condition.

### **Do qualified professionals need to complete any specialized training or certification to be able to fill out the [Professional Statement of Need](#)?**

No, specialized training or certifications are not required to complete the Professional Statement of Need. The form must be completed by an allowable qualified professional for a specific disability or disabling condition.