

DISTRICT 5 ADULT MENTAL HEALTH COURT
Diagnostic Eligibility Criteria

Any person desiring acceptance into the Mental Health Court program must meet the diagnostic criteria required for services by the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team.

The criteria for eligibility is defined in Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA 16.03.09 – Rules Governing the Medical Assistance Program)

These rules state “**The individual must have a diagnosis under DSM-IV-TR or subsequent revisions to the DSM, of Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Bipolar II Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder recurrent severe, Delusional Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder. The only NOS diagnosis included is Psychotic Disorder NOS for a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days without a more conclusive diagnosis; and**

The psychiatric disorder must be of sufficient severity to cause a substantial disturbance in role performance or coping skills in at least two (2) of the following areas on either a continuous or an intermittent (at least once per year) basis:

- i. Vocational/Educational;**
- ii. Financial;**
- iii. Social relationships/support;**
- iv. Family;”**

*Note: A person diagnosed with *Psychotic Disorder NOS* does **not** meet criteria for Mental Health Court due to the short (4 months) time frame allowed for the diagnosis. However, they may be reviewed for eligibility on the basis of receiving a different diagnosis.

*Note: Borderline Personality Disorder is excluded as a qualifying primary diagnosis for Mental Health Court due to treatment issues and limited responsivity to medication therapy.

If an individual is assessed and is determined to meet these criteria, they **MAY** be eligible for the Adult Mental Health Court. Other factors in the individual’s history will also be assessed, including their criminal history, current criminal case, and history of violence.

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