

## **MI Choice Intake Guidelines Scoring Algorithm to Determine Waiting List Priority**

*Note: Level indicators are determined in the order of this document; once a person is eligible for a level, the remaining tests are ignored.*

Time period for all items is three days unless otherwise noted.

### **Level E – Indicator of Nursing Facility**

Seven or more of the following thirteen characteristics:

- Severely impaired decision-making or coma
- New onset of being easily distracted or having disorganized speech
- Sometimes/rarely makes self understood
- Verbal abuse
- Left alone less than one hour during day
- Supervision or assistance in bed mobility
- Supervision or assistance in dressing
- Supervision or assistance in bathing or showering
- Uses wheelchair or does not ambulate
- Flare-up of recurrent or chronic problem
- Wound care or turning/repositioning
- Intravenous (IV) medication
- In last 90 days, moved in with others or others moved in with you (counts as two)

### **Level A – Indicator of Information and Referral**

Four or more of the following five characteristics:

- Independent in decision-making
- Independent or set-up help only required for housework
- Independent or set-up help only required for bathing or showering
- More than two hours of physical activity in the last three days
- No troubling skin conditions (burns, tears, open lesions, bruises or rashes)

AND both of these characteristics:

- No activities of daily living (ADLs) impairment (in bed mobility, transferring, and eating)
- No Cognitive Performance Scale impairment (independent decision making and able to make self understood)

### **Level D1 – Waiting List Priority/Indicator of Risk of Nursing Facility Entry**

Six of the thirteen characteristics in the Level E list

### **Level D – Indicator of Home Care**

Either:

- Home nurse visit within last three days

Or

- Meal preparation by others

AND

- Not independent in locomotion in home

**Level C – Indicator of Intermittent Personal Care**

One of these two sets of conditions:

Difficulty in five or more of the following six instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)/ADLs:

- Meal preparation
- Ordinary housework
- Managing medications
- Shopping
- Transportation
- Supervision or assistance in bathing or showering

Or – Two or more of the following four characteristics:

- Current use of home care aide
- Current use of physical therapist
- Personal/relative feels person better off elsewhere
- Limited access to home or rooms in home

**Level B—Indicator of Homemaker Services**

All persons not otherwise categorized.