

Family Stabilization Services (FSS)

Definition of Qualified Professionals for FSS eligibility Criteria

FSS Eligibility Criteria	Definition of Qualified Professionals
A- Ill or Incapacitated: Participants with a certified illness, injury, or incapacity that is expected to last more than 30 days and severely limits the participant's ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.	A licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner), physical therapist, occupational therapist, or licensed chiropractor, according to their scope of practice.
B- Needed in the home: The participant's presence in the home is required as a caregiver due to the illness, injury, or incapacity of another member in the assistance unit, a relative in the household, or a foster child in the household when the condition, and the need for a person to provide assistance in the home, has been certified by a <i>qualified professional</i> and is expected to continue for more than 30 days.	
C- Special medical criteria: Participants with a child or an adult in the household who meets the special medical criteria for home care services or a home and community-based waiver services program; a child diagnosed with severe emotional disturbance; or an adult diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness.	An IEP should be accepted as a solo documentation for determination of SED criteria for a child in household. Psychological practitioner, a mental health professional, is defined as a psychiatric nurse, an independent clinical social worker, a licensed psychologist, a licensed psychiatrist, licensed marriage and family therapist. a licensed physician, or a physician's assistant.
D- In the Country 12 months or less: All legal non-citizens in the U.S. 12 months or less. "12 months" is defined as 12 FULL months after the month of entry.	N/A
E- Mentally ill/Developmental Disability The participant has been diagnosed as developmentally disabled or mentally ill, and that condition prevents the person from obtaining or retaining unsubsidized employment.	A licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or qualified mental health professionals defined as a psychiatric nurse, an independent clinical social worker, a licensed psychologist, a licensed psychiatrist, licensed marriage and family therapist.

F- Unemployable: Participants, who do not meet the criteria for any other FSS category, but appear to have multiple and severe issues that impact their ability to work.	Vocational specialist, ARMHS supervisor, a vocational psychologist, a mental health psychologist, a licensed therapist, a Master's level vocational counselor, a medical social worker or social worker with experience working with people with disabilities A senior/lead counselor with three or more years of experience working with people with disabilities. A licensed physician, a qualified mental health professional, a substance abuse treatment director, an alcohol and drug counselor supervisor, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) who appears to have substance use disorder
G- IQ below 80: Participants with an IQ below 80 and the condition severely limits the participant's ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.	Vocational specialist, certified school psychologist, certified psychometrists(a specialist in administering and scoring tests to assess neuropsychological functioning working under the supervision of licensed psychologist).
H- Learning Disability Participants with a learning disability and the condition severely limit the participant's ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.	A licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed independent clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, or certified psychometrist working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.
I- Family violence waiver (FVW): Participants who are victims of family violence that are complying with a family violence waiver employment plan.	A family violence specialist is someone who meets 1 of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A staff person/organization designated by the Office of Justice Programs at the MN Department of Public Safety • A county, tribal or ES agency staff person who has received similar training while working for an organization • A Legal Aid staff person with knowledge of family violence.
J- Applying/Appealing for SSI/RSDI Participants who are applying for or those who are appealing a denial of an SSI or RSDI application.	SSI advocate could provide verification regarding an application, appeal for SSI or RSDI benefits.
H. Age 60 or Older Participants who are age 60 or older.	N/A

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 References for additional details: [DHS MFIP Manual Section - Family Stabilization Services](#)