

### Definition of Qualified Professionals under eligibility Criteria

(See qualified health definition in DHS MFIP manual 3.33, or references 13.15, 13.15.6; 13.15.9; 13.15.12; 13.18, 13.18.3; 13.18.6; 13.18.9; 13.18.12; 13.18.15 for more information).

FSS Eligibility Criteria	Definition of Qualified Professionals
<p><b>A- Ill, Injured or Incapacitated:</b> The participant has an illness, injury, or incapacity which has been certified by a <b>qualified professional</b>, the condition is expected to continue for more than 30 days, <b>and</b> it prevents the person from obtaining or retaining employment.</p>	<p>A qualified professional is defined as a licensed physician, a physician's assistant, a nurse practitioner, a certified midwife, or a licensed chiropractor.</p>
<p><b>B- Needed in the home:</b> 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 <b>qualified professional</b> and is expected to continue for more than 30 days.</p>	
<p><b>C- Special medical criteria:</b> The participant has a child or adult in the household who meets disability or medical criteria for home care services, a home and community-based waiver services program, or meets the criteria for severe emotional disturbance or serious and persistent mental illness. These participants are presumed to be prevented from obtaining or retaining employment.</p>	<p>An IEP should not be accepted as a solo documentation for determination of SED criteria for a child in household. A qualified professional (Refer to 13.15.12 section of the MFIP manual) must make a diagnosis of SED criteria.</p> <p>Qualified professionals: 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. In this instance, "other" qualified professional definition would be narrower than outlined in MFIP manual 3.3, and would include a licensed physician, or a physician's assistant.</p>
<p><b>D- 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.</b></p>	N/A
<p><b>E- Mentally retarded or mentally ill:</b> The participant has been diagnosed by a licensed physician, psychological practitioner, or other qualified professional, as developmentally disabled or mentally ill, <b>and</b> that condition prevents the person from obtaining or retaining unsubsidized employment.</p>	<p>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. In this instance, "other" qualified professional definition would be narrower than outlined in MFIP manual 3.3, and would include a licensed physician, or a physician's assistant.</p>
<p><b>F- Unemployable:</b> The participant has been assessed by a vocational rehabilitation specialist or a qualified professional.</p>	<p>An ARMHS program supervisor, a vocational psychologist, a mental health psychologist, a licensed therapist, a Master's level vocational counselor, a medical social worker, or a social worker with experience working with people with disabilities. A CD counselor in the case of a participant who appears to have chemical dependency. A senior/lead counselor with three or more years of experience working with people with disabilities.</p>
<p><b>G- IQ below 80:</b> The participant has an IQ below 80, and has been assessed by a vocational specialist or a county agency to be employable <b>but</b> not at a level that makes the participant eligible for an employed extension.</p>	<p>Having had the IQ determined by a qualified professional (see MFIP manual 13.18.9), the vocational specialist role is to determine scope of employability, The vocational specialist can be a senior employment services counselor with education in vocational rehabilitation services, behavioral science, or GCDF (or the equivalent) and direct vocational counseling experience working with low income and at risk populations.</p>
<p><b>H- Learning disability</b> The participant was determined by a qualified professional to be learning disabled, <b>and</b> the disability severely limits the person's ability to obtain, perform, or maintain suitable employment.</p>	<p>A qualified professional is defined as a licensed psychologist or school psychologist with experience determining learning disabilities. See MFIP manual 13.18.6 for time limits for prior assessments and language requirements regarding the extent to which learning disability impacts work.</p>
<p><b>I- Family violence waiver (FVW):</b> The participant has a FVW -under MN Statutes section <a href="#">256J.521, subdivision 3</a> and is complying with an EP.</p>	Refer to MFIP manual 13.18.15.
<p><b>J- The participant is applying for SSI/RSDI. This includes those who are appealing a denial of an SSI or RSDI application.</b></p>	SSI advocate could provide verification regarding an application, appeal for SSI or RSDI benefits.