

## Family Stabilization Services (FSS)

### Definition of Qualified Professionals for FSS eligibility Criteria

FSS Eligibility Criteria	Definition of Qualified Professionals
<p><b>A- Ill or Incapacitated:</b> 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.</p>	<p>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.</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 <i>qualified professional</i> and is expected to continue for more than 30 days.</p>	
<p><b>C- Special medical criteria:</b> 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.</p>	<p>An IEP should be accepted as a solo documentation for determination of SED criteria for a child in household.</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, a licensed physician, or a physician’s assistant.</p>
<p><b>D- In the Country 12 months or less:</b> 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.</p>	N/A
<p><b>E- Mentally ill/Developmental Disability</b> The participant has been diagnosed as developmentally disabled or mentally ill, and that condition prevents the person from obtaining or retaining unsubsidized employment.</p>	<p><b>Mentally Ill:</b> A licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner), physician assistant, or qualified mental health professional) See <a href="#">0002.53 (Glossary: Qualified...)</a></p> <p><b>Developmental Disability:</b> A licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner), licensed independent clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, or certified psychometrist working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.</p>

<p><b>F- Unemployable:</b> 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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>G- IQ below 80:</b> Participants with an IQ below 80 and the condition severely limits the participant’s ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.</p>	<p>A licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner), licensed independent clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, or certified psychometrist working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.</p>
<p><b>H- Learning Disability</b> Participants with a learning disability and the condition severely limit the participant’s ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.</p>	<p>A licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner), licensed independent clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, or certified psychometrist working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.</p>
<p><b>I- Family violence waiver (FVW):</b> Participants who are victims of family violence that are complying with a family violence waiver employment plan.</p>	<p>A family violence specialist is someone who meets 1 of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A staff person/organization designated by the Office of Justice Programs at the MN Department of Public Safety</li> <li>• A county, tribal or ES agency staff person who has received similar training while working for an organization</li> <li>• A Legal Aid staff person with knowledge of family violence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>J- Applying/Appealing for SSI/RSDI</b> Participants who are applying for or those who are appealing a denial of an SSI or RSDI application.</p>	<p>SSI advocate could provide verification regarding an application, appeal for SSI or RSDI benefits.</p>
<p><b>H. Age 60 or Older</b> Participants who are age 60 or older.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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