

Service Category	Acuity Based Threshold	Frequency Based Threshold
<p>"Self-Preservation" means the individual's actions or behaviors that reflect their understanding of their health, safety and wellbeing. The individual's actions or behaviors require cueing, hands-on, monitoring, reassurance, or redirection assistance from another person to ensure self-preservation.</p> <p>a. Self-Preservation includes, but is not limited to, the ability to manage tasks such as finding home independently, understanding how to safely use household appliances, take medications as prescribed and appropriately understand basic life sustaining needs.</p> <p>b. Self-preservation does not include the individual engaging in acts that may be risky or life threatening when the individual understands the potential consequences of their actions.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>
	<p>Minimal Assist means the individual's actions or behaviors indicates that they require <b>periodic or event specific assistance</b> from another person to ensure that the individual meets their basic health, safety, and wellbeing needs.</p>	<p>Minimal Assist means the individuals actions or behaviors require assistance from another person <b>less than weekly</b> to ensure that the individual meets their basic health, safety, and wellbeing needs.</p>
	<p>Assist means the individual's actions or behaviors indicates that they require assistance from another person to ensure that the individual meets their basic health, safety, and wellbeing needs <b>multiple days throughout a week.</b></p>	<p>Assist means the individual's actions or behaviors require assistance from another person <b>one day each week totaling four days per month</b> to ensure that the individual meets their basic health, safety, and wellbeing.</p>
	<p>Full Assist means the individual's actions or behaviors demonstrates that they require assistance from another person to ensure that the individual meets their basic health, safety, and wellbeing needs <b>throughout every day.</b></p>	<p>Full Assist means the individual's actions or behaviors require assistance from another person <b>throughout every day</b> to ensure that the individual meets their basic health, safety, and wellbeing.</p>

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<p>"Decision making" means the individual's ability to make and perform everyday decisions about tasks or activities of daily living that reflect their lifestyle, choices, culture, and values and to understand the consequences of their action and choices. The individual requires cueing, monitoring or hands-on assistance from another person in planning, organizing, and performing routines.</p> <p>a. Decision making includes demonstrated ability to make informed decisions by using pertinent information and understanding the potential risks and consequences of those decisions.</p> <p>b. Decision making does not include what others may consider poor choices, if the individual has the ability to communicate understanding potential risks and consequences of those decisions.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>
	<p>Minimal Assist means the individual needs <b>periodic or event specific</b> assistance. The individual is able to make decisions in familiar situations, but experiences some difficulty in decision making when faced with new tasks or situations.</p>	<p>Minimal assist means the individual requires assistance from another person to make and preform everyday decisions and to understand the consequences of their actions and choices <b>at least once each month, but less than weekly.</b></p>
	<p>Assist means the individual requires assistance in planning, organizing or performing activities or instrumental activities of daily living <b>multiple days throughout a week.</b> The individual demonstrates difficulties in making informed decisions or understanding the consequences of their decisions.</p>	<p>Assist means the individual requires assistance from another to plan, organize or preform activities or instrumental activities of daily living or has demonstrated difficulties in making informed decisions or understanding the consequences of their decisions <b>at least one day each week totaling four days per month.</b></p>
<p>Full assist means the individual requires assistance <b>throughout every day</b> to make decisions, understand the consequences of their actions and to minimize or prevent the risk of imminent harm.</p>	<p>Full Assist means the individual requires assistance <b>daily</b> to make decisions, understand the consequences of their actions and to minimize or prevent the risk of imminent harm.</p>	

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<p>"Ability to make oneself understood" means the individual's ability to make themselves understood to those involved in their care plan as either paid or natural support. The assistance from another person is needed for cueing, monitoring, stand-by, redirection of anticipating the individual's needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ability to make oneself understood means to express or communicate requests, needs, opinions, or urgent problems.</li> <li>b. Ability to make oneself understood does not include an assessment of physical limitations related to communication or language barriers.</li> <li>c. Consider the individual's ability to use alternate methods to communicate such as; speech, writing, sign language, body language, symbols, pictures or a combination of these including use of a communication board or other assistive technology.</li> </ul>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>
	<p>Minimal Assist means the individual is <b>usually understood</b>. They have difficulty finding the right words or finishing thoughts, resulting in delayed responses, or they require some <del>prompting</del>-cueing to make themselves understood</p>	<p>Minimal assist means the individual requires assistance from another person to make themselves understood <b>at least once each month, but less than weekly</b>.</p>
	<p>Assist means the individual can <b>sometimes be understood</b>. The individual has limited ability, but is able to express concrete requests regarding at least basic needs (e.g. food, drink, sleep, and toilet). <del>The assistance from another person is needed for monitoring, cueing, and anticipating requests as they arise.</del></p>	<p>Assist means the individual has limited ability to express basic needs (pain, hunger, toilet, sleep) and requires assistance from another person to make themselves understood <b>one day each week totaling four days per month</b>.</p>
<p>Full Assist means the individual cannot communicate and <b>is rarely or never understood</b>. Understanding of the individual's needs is limited to the caregiver's interpretation of individual's specific sounds or body language (e.g. indicated presence of pain or need to toilet) and anticipating all of the individual's basic needs.</p>	<p>Full assist means the individual requires the assistance of another person to make themselves <b>understood on a daily and ongoing basis</b>. This includes anticipating the basic health and safety needs of individual's to mitigate risks and prevent negative health outcomes.</p>	



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<p>“Challenging behaviors” are those that cause distress to the individual, or are distressing or disruptive to family members, caregivers, other residents, or staff and negatively impact health or safety of the individual or others. These behaviors include verbal abuse, physical abuse, socially inappropriate / disruptive behavior, and resistance to care. The behaviors are caused by a decline or impairment in cognitive functioning and are not caused by choice and does not include willful acts in which the individual understands the consequences of their actions.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>	<p>Independent means the individual does not meet threshold for a minimal assist.</p>
	<p>Minimal Assist means the individual <b>sometimes</b> displays challenging behaviors but can be distracted, is able to self-regulate behaviors or understands the consequences to their behaviors.</p>	<p>Minimal assist means the individual requires assistance from another person to address challenging behaviors <b>at least once each month, but less than weekly.</b></p>
	<p>Assist means the individual displays challenging behaviors <b>multiple times per week but less than daily.</b> The assistance of another person is needed for redirection because the individual cannot self-regulate the behaviors and does not understand the consequences of their action.</p>	<p>Assist means the individual requires assistance from another person for redirection because the individual cannot self-regulate the behaviors and does not understand the consequences of their action <b>one day each week totaling four days per month.</b></p>
	<p>Full Assist means the individual displays challenging behaviors that are extreme and have the potential for harm. The assistance of another person is needed for hands-on assistance, monitoring or redirection, requiring an individualized behavioral care plan. <b>Assistance is needed continually throughout a day</b></p>	<p>Full Assist means the individual requires assistance for hands-on assistance, monitoring or redirection, requiring an individualized behavioral care plan to address challenging behaviors on a <b>daily and ongoing basis.</b></p>