

CARE Act Program Overview

What is the CARE Act Program?



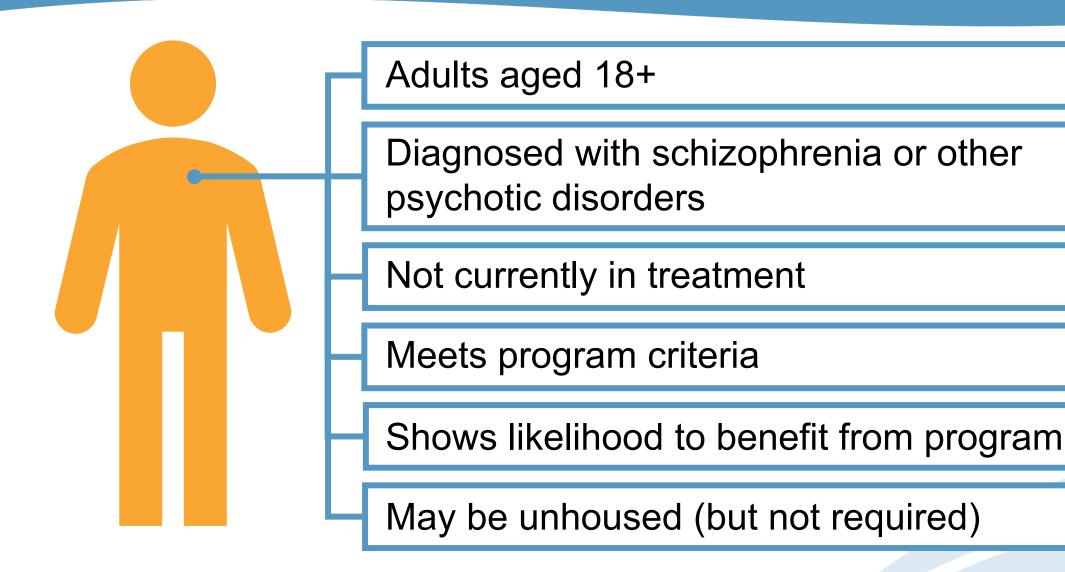


The Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act program can connect people with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders to mental health and substance use treatment.

Who may qualify?







Call the ACL or 988







The Access and Crisis Line (ACL)
1-888-724-7240
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
988

Connect to Services

Crisis Intervention

CARE Act Navigation

Connection to Legal Aid Society

What is the Process?





- 1 Referral
- 2 Initial Determination
- 3 | Q Investigation & Engagement
- **5** Connection to Services





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Referral

- Referrals can be made by:
 - Family members
 - Someone residing with the individual
 - Behavioral health providers
 - First responders
 - Or other approved petitioners
- Petitions are filed with the Superior Court (civil proceeding) and must include supporting documentation that meets State requirements to establish clinical history.





(I) Mandatory Step

Per WIC 5975, a Mental Health
 Declaration form or other qualifying documentation <u>must</u> be submitted with each CARE Act petition to confirm clinical history.

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Initial Determination

 The Superior Court makes an initial determination as to whether the petition appears to meet criteria for the CARE Act program.





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Q Investigation & Engagement

- County BHS will complete an investigation and report back within 14 days with a recommendation regarding the establishment of a CARE Act case.
- BHS will attempt to connect with and engage the petitioned person with treatment that could help avoid the need for a CARE Act case.





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CARE Plan

- If the Superior Court determines that a CARE Plan is needed, a CARE Plan will be developed with County BHS, in partnership with the petitioned person and their counsel.
- The CARE Plan will be submitted to the Superior Court for review.







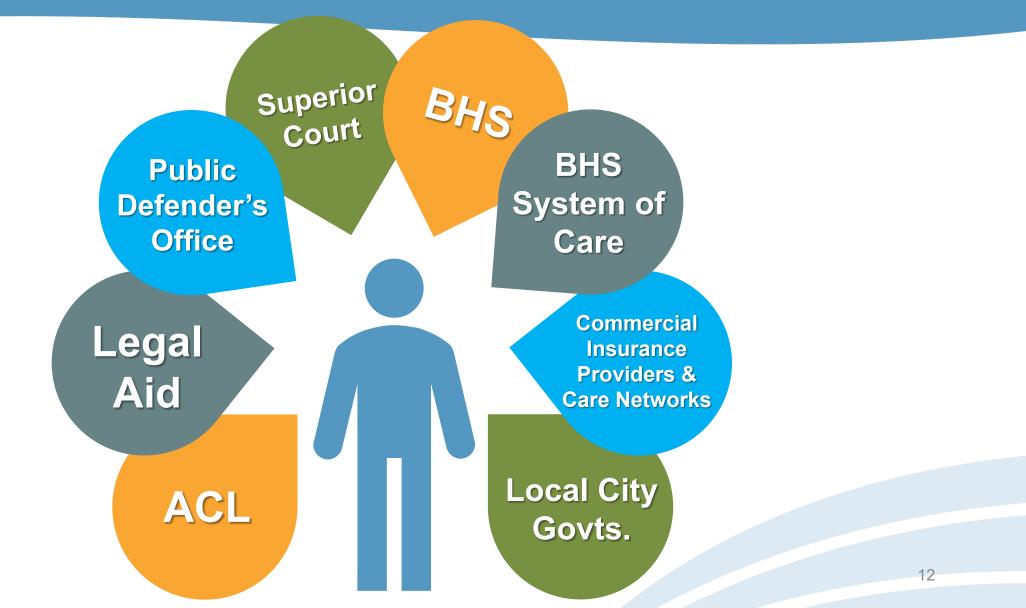
Connection to Services

- Once the CARE Plan is accepted by the Superior Court, BHS and its network of community-based providers will actively engage the petitioned person to connect them to services, including:
 - Behavioral health treatment
 - Stabilization medication
 - A housing plan
 - Other supports as needed

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What to Expect After a CARE Plan is Established





- The CARE Plan client will receive services up to 12-months.
- The individual's progress will be checked regularly at status review hearings every 60 days.
- At the last scheduled status review hearing it will be determined if the client is ready to graduate or if services are still needed under CARE Act.
- CARE Act services can be extended for up to one year.

Common Claims About the Program





Common Claims

Accurate Messages



CARE Act will allow the Court to mandate treatment.



- CARE Act is a new pathway to voluntary treatment.
- A CARE Plan can be established for one year, with the potential for one additional renewal year.



The CARE Act program is for anyone with a behavioral health condition.



- CARE Act is limited to a very small group of people.
- To be eligible, a person must have diagnosed schizophrenia or another psychotic disorder and not be in treatment.



The CARE Act program is designed only for people experiencing homelessness.



- Some people with a CARE Plan may be unhoused or experiencing housing instability.
- Housing support may be part of a CARE Plan.
- The program is not set up to specifically address homelessness (not a required criteria for eligibility).









Call the Access & Crisis Line for behavioral health services, referrals, or linkage to Legal Aid Society for CARE Act assistance: 888-724-7240



Call Legal Aid Society directly for CARE Act information and assistance: 877-734-3258 (Option 6)



Visit the BHS CARE Act webpage to learn more: SanDiegoCounty.gov/CAREAct

