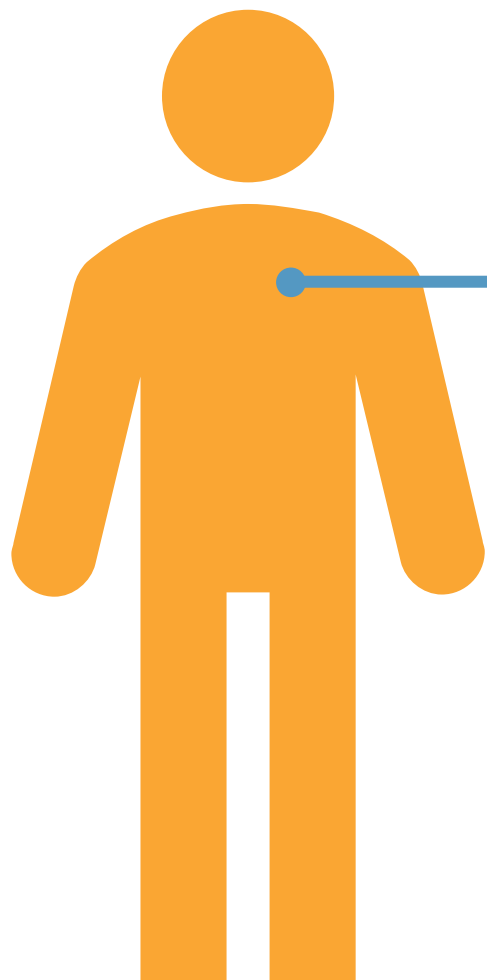




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# CARE Act Program Overview

# Who may qualify?



Adults aged 18+

Diagnosed with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders

Not currently in treatment

Meets program criteria

Shows likelihood to benefit from program

May be unhoused (but not required)

# What is the process?

**1**



**Referral**

**2**



**Initial Determination**

**3**



**Investigation & Engagement**

**4**



**CARE Plan**

**5**



**Connection to Services**

# 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



The 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).



# For More Information



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](http://SanDiegoCounty.gov/CAREAct)**

