



CARE Act Program Overview

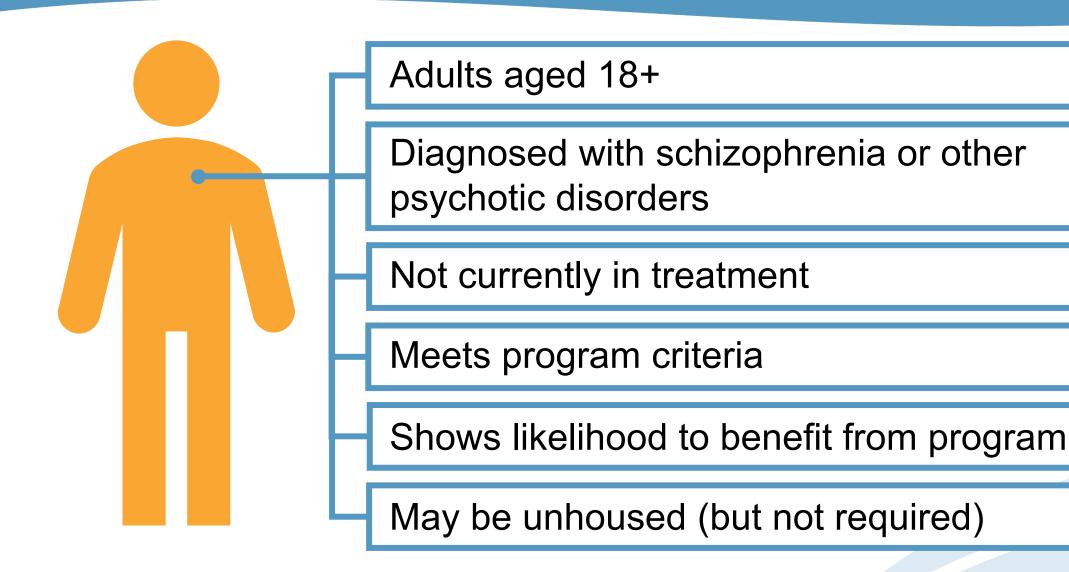
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Who may qualify?







What is the process?





1 Referral

2 Initial Determination

3 | Q Investigation & Engagement

4 **国 CARE Plan**

Connection to Services

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

