

## JEREMIAH'S INN - CLIENT ADMISSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA

For admission to Jeremiah's Inn, an individual must meet the RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA as outlined by the Quality Improvement Collaborative for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.

These criteria are outlined below:

Overview ---

Consideration for admission to the Residential Recovery Program level of care requires that an individual is not at risk of physical withdrawal and is assessed with an alcohol and/or other drug abuse/dependency disorder based on established diagnostic criteria outlined below. A prospective client must be medically and behaviorally stable, must be able to comply with the program rules, participate in treatment planning and be at high risk for relapse.

### **A. Dimensional Admission Criteria:**

1. Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal –

The Client meets the admission criteria for this dimension as evidenced by one or more of the following indicators:

- Clean urine screens
- Stable vital signs
- Documented verification of detoxification
- Staff observation
- Self report of recent abstinence

2. Biomedical Stabilization –

The client meets the admission criteria in this dimension if their biomedical condition is sufficiently stable to allow the client to participate in the essential components of a residential recovery program

3. Behavioral Stabilization –

The client meets the criteria in this dimension if he is sufficiently stable to prevent behaviors which put themselves or others at risk.

The client meets all criteria under this dimension if he is able to:

- Comprehend and understand the information presented during the intake processes
- Appropriately complete the self preservation test
- Be able to fully participate in the residential treatment process

4. Treatment Acceptance/Resistance –

The client meets the admission criteria in this dimension as evidenced by the following indicators:

- Agreement to abstain from alcohol and/or non-prescribed psychoactive substances
- Willingness to contract to follow the rules and policies of the program
- Agreement to participate in an environment that promotes recovery through peer interaction, counseling and educational forums

5. Relapse Potential –

The client meets the admission criteria in this dimension if he demonstrates a high risk for relapse as evidenced by at least one of the following indicators:

- Lack of awareness of relapse triggers
- Ambivalence toward treatment
- Difficulty postponing immediate gratification
- Preoccupation with alcohol and/or other drugs
- History of multiple treatments
- History of relapse

6. Recovery environment –

The client meets the criteria for admission in this dimension if he demonstrates a need for structure and support to address early blocks to recovery. This need is evidenced by one or more of the following indicators:

- Client is engaged in behavior or occupation in which recovery is unlikely
- Recovery is jeopardized by lack of social and sober contacts
- Family members and/or significant others are not supportive of recovery goals or passively opposed to recovery
- Client lives in an environment that is a threat to the attainment of abstinence

**B. Admission Diagnostic Criteria:**

**Diagnosis –**

This resident meets the criteria for alcohol and/or drug abuse/dependence as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSMIV) or other commonly accepted diagnostic criteria. The current diagnosis may be modified by the qualification, “*in remission*”.

All applications for admission are assessed on an individual basis.

**CLIENT ADMISSION CRITERIA**

- Male
- Sober and clean
- Capable of self administering prescribed medication
- Motivated to change life
- Co-morbid mental health conditions stabilized and/or under treatment
- Has potential source of income or is benefit eligible

**CLIENT EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

**EXCLUSION:** Applicants shall be excluded from admission to Jeremiah’s Inn if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Are intoxicated
- Have active, communicable tuberculosis or any other contagious or infectious disease
- Require continuous professional nursing care
- Require any kind of restraint or confinement in locked quarters
- Persons who require treatment or special care for mental illness or retardation or require special treatment, rehabilitation or care for a major physical disability
- Persons who are unwilling to comply with program rules

**SPECIAL NOTES**

- We are a Social Model Program (Experiential and Participatory)
- Residents cannot work the first 4 weeks of their stay (resident fees are waived during the first 30 days). Resident fees are on a sliding scale with a maximum \$10 per day (\$70 per week - \$303 per month), not to exceed 30% of their gross monthly income
- At Jeremiah’s Inn, residents’ rooms are shared
- Our facility is on a bus line
- Clients not referred from a more intensive structured detox or treatment program are sent to be medically cleared prior to final acceptance.

*Exams can be performed by your personal physician or at:*

Great Brook Valley Health Center, 19 Tacoma Street (Great Brook Valley), Worcester, MA  
Family Health Center, 26 Queen Street, Worcester, MA