

## AAL Housing Voucher Wait List Issue; AAL Admission Criteria

Generally, the AAL Steering Committee **does not** support the use admission criteria in AAL residences and promotes that tenants may *Age in Place*; the intent is to accommodate needs as health status and service requirements change. However, use of some admission criteria may be needed when affordable apartments are tied to housing vouchers and waiting lists exists for these vouchers. For this situation, admission criteria can assure that assisted living residences are filled with those older adults who may benefit from the specialized housing with services program. The following provides criteria for AAL projects working with housing voucher waiting lists.

Targeting is focused toward adults aged 55 years and older who are in need of and/or are currently receiving services as well as those at risk of needing assistance due to health, psychosocial or other conditions. This includes any one or more of the following activities within the physical functioning and/or at risk categories determined through an assessment by the AAL on-site provider:

1) Those **that require “ANY help” to perform the following activities**. Any help includes assistance with set up and/or supervision of the activity.

### *Physical Functioning*

<i>Functioning &amp; Daily Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal preparation (e.g. planning, cooking, shopping, etc.)</li> <li>Housework; resulting in or likely to result in an unsafe or unhealthy living environment</li> <li>Managing medications (remembering, opening bottles, correct dosages, etc.)</li> <li>Bathing (into &amp; out of shower or tub, performance in washing body parts, etc.)</li> <li>Personal Hygiene (dressing, grooming, brushing teeth, shaving, make up, etc.)</li> <li>Locomotion &amp; walking (bed bound, unsteady in walking, wheeling or in using assistive devices, etc.)</li> <li>Transferring (bed, wheelchair, toilet, etc.)</li> <li>Eating (eating, drinking and other means like tube feeding, etc.)</li> </ul>
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*At Risk*

2) Those with health conditions and/or circumstances that place individuals **at risk** of needing long term care supports and/or threaten their independence resulting in the need for ANY help including supervision, room checks or any other form of monitoring and support.

<i>Falls, balance</i>	Recent falls, balance, unsteady gait, etc.
<i>Fatigue, general weakness &amp;/or shortness of breath</i>	Intensity, frequency, &/or consistency resulting in an inability or demonstrated difficulty to function or perform tasks.
<i>Social isolation</i>	Isolation from others; lack of contact with others and/or inactivity, lack of caregiver support, that results in, or is likely to result in a depressive state, despair, health damaging behaviors, withdrawal or other issues that negatively affects physical or mental health.
<i>Disease or other health condition</i>	Flare up of a current or recurrent health problem or chronic condition, poor skin or nutritional status, communication or vision deficits, etc.
<i>Cognitive functioning</i>	Difficulties with daily decision making, memory, etc.

All service needs must be within the scope of the provider's capacity to address tenant needs