



**Bridges Program
Verification of Serious Mental Illness**

This form must be completed by a doctor or mental health professional.¹

Print Applicant Name: _____

- I hereby verify that the applicant **meets** the Minnesota Comprehensive Mental Health Act definition of having a serious mental illness.²
- I hereby verify that the applicant **does not meet** the Minnesota Comprehensive Mental Health Act definition of having a serious mental illness.ⁱⁱ

Documents to confirm this determination are contained in an applicant's case file.

Print Name of Mental Health Professional

License/Qualification of Mental Health Professional

Telephone Number Fax

Address City State Zip Code

Signature of Mental Health Professional Date

Return this form to the following address:

Print Name of Housing Agency

Address City State Zip Code

¹ Mental Health Professional: A person providing clinical services in the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of

the following ways:

- (1) in psychiatric nursing: a registered nurse who is licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285; and:
 - (i) who is certified as a clinical specialist or as a nurse practitioner in adult or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization; or
 - (ii) who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;
- (2) in clinical social work: a person licensed as an independent clinical social worker under chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;
- (3) in psychology: an individual licensed by the Board of Psychology under sections 148.88 to 148.98 who has stated to the Board of Psychology competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness;
- (4) in psychiatry: a physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry, or an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry or eligible for board certification in psychiatry;
- (5) in marriage and family therapy: the mental health professional must be a marriage and family therapist licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least two years of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;
- (6) in licensed professional clinical counseling, the mental health professional shall be a licensed professional clinical counselor under section 148B.5301 with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness

² Minnesota Statute 245.462, subdivision 20, Mental illness. (a) "Mental illness" means an organic disorder of the brain or a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, memory, or behavior that is listed in the clinical manual of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9-CM), current edition, code range 290.0 to 302.99 or 306.0 to 316.0 or the corresponding code in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-MD), current edition, Axes I, II, or III, and **that seriously limits a person's capacity** to function in primary aspects of daily living such as personal relations, living arrangements, work, and recreation.