

Case examples of individuals who could qualify for GAP

(Financial and Serious Mental Illness eligibility criteria must be met in order to qualify)

1. Peter* is a 45 year old male with a diagnosis of Schizoaffective Disorder and Alcohol Abuse. His symptoms are sporadic but require treatment. He works temporary jobs as he is able, but due to the nature of his diagnoses, he is not able to work steadily or make enough money to live on his own, so he lives with his parents. He does not receive Social Security Disability and has never been hospitalized for his condition.
2. Alicia* is a 35 year old single female with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Borderline Personality Disorder. She functioned well in her 20's and even worked in retail, but as she grew older she developed Agoraphobia and she worked less and less. Alicia has lived with her parents or with friends who have helped support her. She has never had a higher level of care but as her illness worsens, her risk of hospitalization grows.
3. Margaret* is a 53 year old female who has always lived with her mother. She has suffered from depression for many years but it was only recent that she became known to the mental health system. She has no history of hospitalization. When her mother died, Margaret developed mania and was arrested for a nuisance crime. She lost her job working in a local hospital cafeteria and is no longer able to work due to the unstable nature of her condition. She is considering applying for Social Security Disability, but knows the process for approval will take at least 9 months.
4. Matt* is a 21 year old male with Bi-Polar disorder. He has never been in the hospital but during manic episodes he was caught trespassing and has subsequently been in and out of jail several times. Matt came to the attention of jail mental health staff and is in the process of applying for Social Security Disability. It will take a minimum of 9 months for him to begin receiving disability assistance, should he qualify.

*The names have been changed to protect the identity of the individuals.