

TERMINAL ILLNESS

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*For the purpose of this manual, use of the terms **must** or **shall** reflect requirements of Federal law or regulation or state or administrative regulation and must be adhered to strictly.*

Individuals with a potentially terminal illness must have either a favorable prognosis or the prospect of survival for a reasonable period of time, allowing a return to work for at least twelve months (work life expectancy). Individuals requiring surgery or ancillary medical services such as chemotherapy or nuclear medical treatment that is expected to cure the condition should be served as if it were any other medical condition.

If the attending physician states the prognosis is “guarded,” the counselor shall request a letter indicating the consumer’s work life expectancy. For those individuals without a twelve-month work life expectancy, the counselor should consult with the Field Administrator before accepting the case or denying services.