

SERVICE NEED LEVELS - MI CHOICE WAIVER

MI Choice participants are classified into a service need level based upon the participant's immediacy of need for the provision of services and the availability of informal supports to ensure each participant's needs are met in the event of an emergency. Service providers must target services to the highest priority participants in emergencies. NEMCSA providers reference the nursing notes of each participant assessment for service need level classification.

Immediacy of need for the provision of services:

1. Immediate – the participant cannot be left alone
2. Urgent – the participant can be left alone for a short time (less than 12 hours)
3. Routine – the participant can be left alone for a day or two

Availability of Informal Supports:

1. No informal supports are available for the participant
2. Informal supports are available for the participant
3. The participant resides in a supervised residential setting (SRS)

Grid of Service Need Levels (Medicaid Provider Manual)

Immediacy	Informal Supports	Service Need Level	Service Need Level Description
Immediate	None	1A	This means the participant cannot be left alone. If services are not delivered as planned, your backup plan needs to start immediately.
Immediate	Available	1B	This means the participant cannot be left alone. If services are not delivered as planned, your family or friends need to be contacted immediately.
Immediate	SRS	1C	This means the participant cannot be left alone. Staff at the place of residence must be available to you as planned or follow established emergency procedures.
Urgent	None	2A	This means the participant can be left alone for a short time. If services are not delivered as planned, your backup plan needs to start within 12 hours.
Urgent	Available	2B	This means the participant can be left alone for a short time. If services are not delivered as planned, family or friends need to be contacted within 12 hours.
Urgent	SRS	2C	This means the participant can be left alone for a short time. Staff at the place of residence must check on the participant periodically each day. Follow established emergency procedures if no staff is present in the home.
Routine	None	3A	This means the participant can be left alone for a day or two. If services are not delivered as planned, the backup plan needs to start within a couple of days.
Routine	Available	3B	This means the participant can be left alone for a day or two. If services are not delivered as planned, family or friends need to be contacted within a couple of days.
Routine	SRS	N/A	There is not a 3C service need level because participants in supervised residential settings typically require 24-hour supervision and cannot be left alone for long periods.