

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



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1.0 PURPOSE

In order to provide treatment services to special needs populations, Passages to Recovery has a policy to serve priority populations. This policy defines priority populations and describes how they are admitted as a Passages to Recovery program participant.

2.0 SCOPE

All Passages to Recovery staff and priority populations.

3.0 GENERAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Executive Director has the authority and responsibility to resolve any priority population issue not addressed in this policy.

4.0 POLICY

Passages to Recovery provides services to priority populations as described in the agency's contract with the SCA through the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. Priority populations include:

- Pregnant individuals with substance use disorder (including use by injection).
- Individuals with substance use disorders who use by injection.
- Overdose survivors
- Veterans

Consequently, individuals who are on the approved transfer list who are a member of the above noted special needs population will receive priority in transfer and processing into the program. Intake staff are advised of this policy so that priority populations who meet program eligibility requirements can be requested for transfer from the committing agency. As a means of providing notice, this policy will be posted on the agency website.