

## Priority Score and Rank

Once the screening is completed, the Agency and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will calculate the priority score and assign a frailty-based level or category referred to as a “rank.” The individual is scored using what is called a “matrix.” An individual is prioritized for LTC waiver services based on their score and rank:

- Rank 1: 0-15.
- Rank 2: 16-29.
- Rank 3: 30-39.
- Rank 4: 40-45.
- Rank 5: Greater than or equal to 46.

The Medicaid rule regarding prioritization specifies three (3) additional categories of individuals listed above the rank of 5 regardless of their priority score. Those include:

- Rank 6: Aging Out Referral (individuals in disability programs who reach the maximum age for those programs).
- Rank 7: Imminent Risk of Nursing Home Placement. (According to state rule, someone is considered to be at “imminent risk” if the applicant is: unable to perform self-care because of deteriorating mental or physical health condition(s); there is no capable caregiver; and placement in a nursing facility is likely within a month, or very likely within three months.)
- Rank 8: Adult Protective Services High Risk Referral

Additionally, The Florida Legislature specified three (3) categories of individuals who are entitled to priority enrollment for home and community based services under the LTC Waiver. Those individuals, described below, move directly to Step 3 and do not have to participate in the screening assessment or wait-list process:

- An individual who is 18, 19, or 20 years of age who has a chronic debilitating disease or condition of one or more physiological or organ systems which generally make the individual dependent upon 24-hour-per-day medical, nursing, or health supervision or intervention.

- A nursing facility resident who requests to transition into the community and who has resided in a Florida licensed skilled nursing facility for at least 60 consecutive days.
- An individual who is referred by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act, as high risk and who is placed in an assisted living facility temporarily funded by the Department of Children and Families.