Lancaster County Drug & Alcohol Commission Case Management & Clinical Services Policy & Procedure Manual	*CMCS # 3* *Policy: Priority Populations*
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I. Purpose:

To identify Priority Populations and how they shall be served.

II. Procedure:

LCDAC and its contracted service providers shall give the identified Priority Populations preference to treatment as follows and, in the order, outlined below:

1) Pregnant women who inject drugs
2) Pregnant women who use substances
3) Persons who inject drugs (PWID)
4) Overdose survivors
5) Veterans

All individuals in these priority populations must have a Level of Care Assessment (LoCA) as appropriate and be offered admission into the recommended treatment level of care ***immediately***.

- If LCDAC or its contracted provider cannot ensure admission to the recommended level of care ***immediately***, the individual must be offered interim services and/or case management care coordination services of care as well as admission to another level of care.
- Any emergent needs identified must be addressed at the time they are identified. If this timeframe cannot be met, the reason must be documented in the individual's file.
- LCDAC and its contracted providers may not restrict access to admissions to treatment for priority populations, even if it applies restriction to other populations.

LCDAC and its contracted service providers must have a mechanism in place to ensure that staff are aware of the priority populations.

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