Severe Emotional Disturbance Criteria

A child with severe emotional disturbance means a child who has an emotional disturbance (see below) and meets one to the following criteria:

1) Admitted within last three years or at risk of being admitted to inpatient treatment or residential treatment

2) MN resident receiving inpatient treatment or residential treatment through interstate compact

3) Child has one of the following as determined by mental health professional:
   - psychosis or clinical depression
   - risk of harming self or others
   - symptoms resulting from being a victim of physical or sexual abuse or psychic trauma within the past year.

4) Child has significantly impaired functioning (home, school, or community) that has lasted at least one year or that in the written opinion of a mental health professional presents risk of lasting at least one year.

Emotional disturbance: An organic disorder of the brain or a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, memory, or behavior that:

1) Is listed in the clinical manual of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9-CM) code range 290.0 to 302.99 or 306.0 to 316.0 or corresponding code in the American Psychiatric Associations Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

2) Seriously limits a child’s capacity to function in primary aspects of daily living such as personal relations, living arrangements, work, school, and recreation