

South Dakota

Admission Criteria for Human Services Center:

Must meet:

- Nursing Home Level of Care (LOC) as reviewed and approved by the Medical Review Team.
- Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) and approval for specialized services.

Voluntary admission to HSC criteria as defined in **SDCL 27A-8-1**:

The facility director or administrator may receive as a voluntary patient any person eighteen years of age or older who understands the nature of voluntary inpatient treatment, is capable of giving informed consent, and voluntarily executes a written application for admission, if the following requirements are met:

(1) *If, after examination by a staff psychiatrist, the facility director or administrator determines that the applicant is clinically suitable for inpatient treatment. In the event of the unavailability of a staff psychiatrist, admission may be granted pending an examination by a staff psychiatrist within one working day;*

(2) *A less restrictive treatment alternative is inappropriate or unavailable;*

(3) *The person is in need of and will likely benefit from treatment which is available at the facility;*

(4) *The requirements in § 27A-8-15 have been met; and*

(5) *The person does not have medical needs which are beyond the capacity of the center or inpatient psychiatric facility.*

Other States Overview

Criteria	South Dakota	Iowa	Wyoming	Montana	North Dakota	Nebraska	Kansas	Minnesota
State-owned nursing home?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
County-owned nursing home?	No	Yes	NA	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Admission criteria includes dementia and Alzheimer's Disease?	Yes	Varies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Wyoming

Wyoming has two facilities (Pioneer Home and Wyoming Retirement Center). The Wyoming Retirement Center specifically advertises that it "provides skilled nursing care to residents with mental health, dementia, and medical needs with the goal of stabilizing and helping residents reach their highest functional level."

Admission to these two states run facilities must be voluntary and must be pre-approved by the department of health. Indigent aged persons are cared for without charge. Nonindigent aged persons may be cared for under terms and conditions established by the department of health.

Montana

Montana operates a nursing facility (Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center) that provides care for those who are suffering from dementia/Alzheimer's. The center provides a secure unit for persons with Alzheimer/dementia, and the program provides for persons who do not require the intensity of treatment available at Montana state hospital. Montana allows admissions on a voluntary and involuntary basis. Under the applicable regulations, the criteria for voluntary admission are as follows:

- (a) be 18 years of age;
- (b) be diagnosed as having a mental disorder;
- (c) require long term nursing care;
- (d) exhibit behaviors rendering the person unable to be served appropriately in the community of residence or in a less restrictive setting;
- (e) not require acute medical hospital care;
- (f) not require active psychiatric treatment as provided by Montana state hospital;
- (g) not require the services of a full-time psychiatrist;
- (h) have received a mental health evaluation and recommendation for admission by a mental health professional person within 60 days prior to application;
- (i) be admitted on a voluntary basis through application by the person, a legally appointed guardian or durable power of attorney providing for health care decisions; and
- (j) complete a center application for admission.

North Dakota

North Dakota does not have a state owned or operated nursing home. North Dakota's state hospital contracts with private nursing homes for geropsychiatric units that take residents identified as eligible by the state hospital and the nursing facility receives an enhanced Medicaid rate.

Alzheimer's and dementia with associated behavioral components are approved diagnosis for the state contracted geropsychiatric units. Patients admitted to the state contracted geropsychiatric units require a psychiatric diagnosis and must meet criteria identified by the state hospital for requiring specialized services

Kansas

Kansas does not have any state owned or operated nursing homes except for short term operation by the state during the transition between nursing homes or hospital and community-based nursing home.

Kansas has 10 privately owned & operated Nursing Facilities for Mental Health (NFMHs) for nursing home residents with serial mental illness. Admission criteria for NFMHs includes PASSR and the state is currently working on developing policies and procedures to standardize the admissions process with NFMHs to include person-to-person interviews, timelines for an admission, and utilization of telehealth.

In addition, the state is currently working on addressing resident issues in standard NFMHs by providing staff additional training on serious mental illness and related behavior. In the case of a crisis beyond the ability of the NFMH to respond, a resident may be admitted to the state hospital if otherwise medically eligible.

Iowa

Iowa no longer has a state-owned or operated nursing home or psychiatric facility with geriatric unit. The governor of Iowa ordered to close the facility in 2015 because he believed it was outdated and inefficient.

Although Iowa does have some county owned nursing homes, there is no standard criteria that applies to all county-based nursing homes, and the state of Iowa does not have the information. Additionally, there are 3 privately owned Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Illness (ICF/PMIs) with a total of 109 beds to serve individuals aged 65 and older with a mental illness who need immediate residential care.

Nebraska

Nebraska does not have a state owned or operated nursing home/psychiatric facility. Although Nebraska has one county owned nursing home in Fillmore county, the state does not have information regarding the admission criteria.

Minnesota

Minnesota does not have state or county owned nursing home so community-based nursing home are "stuck" with the residents with dementia and Alzheimer's.