

Program Services

The Medical Short-Term Care Unit at Central Wisconsin Center specializes in interdisciplinary evaluations for people with intellectual disabilities and complex medical needs. Shorter, more targeted assessments with coexisting medical complexities and/or behavioral concerns are also evaluated.

The evaluations provided allow for a comprehensive overview of needs to help better support individuals living in the community or home setting.

The Medical Short-Term Care Unit supports individuals with:

- Complex medical needs
- Movement disorders
- Adaptive equipment needs, including specialized wheelchairs
- Nutritional concerns
- Active therapy
- Mild behavioral concerns
- Post-operative care and needs
- Respiratory management and oxygen needs

Eligibility

All individuals supported in the Medical Short-Term Care Unit must have a diagnosis of intellectual disability.

Admissions must be approved by county officials or managed care organization officials. Contact your case manager for additional information.

Evaluations are coordinated between experts in a wide variety of disciplines. A team approach is used to provide recommendations and follow-up.

Interdisciplinary assessments can include:

- Coordination of admissions and services
- Medical, dental, and psychological evaluations
- Nutritional evaluation
- Educational assistance
- Occupational and physical therapy
- Speech and language
- Therapeutic recreation
- Vocational therapy

Admissions

All admissions to the Medical Short-Term Care Unit are scheduled in advanced.

- **Initial assessment:** A Central Wisconsin Center social worker will visit the individual in their home, meet with family, guardians, and community care providers to better understand the person's specific needs and establish program outcomes.
- **Eligibility:** Central Wisconsin Center's Admission Committee reviews each individual to ensure safety and the ability to meet the individual's needs.
- **Records:** Central Wisconsin Center requests consent to gather records from the individual's providers.
- **Scheduling:** Once approved, Central Wisconsin Center will work with families, guardians, and community providers in scheduling an admission. Based upon the individual's needs and established outcomes, admission length of stay will then be decided.