WAC 388-106-2110 Eligibility criteria. (1) To be eligible to participate as a contractor in the program a person must:

(a) Hold certification as a professional guardian and conservator approved by the state of Washington supreme court;

(b) Be in good standing with the certified professional guardian and conservator review board (CPGCRB);

(c) Have sufficient insurance coverage to meet DSHS contract requirements;

(d) Hold a program contract with DSHS; and

(e) Comply with the requirements of the program as described in this chapter.

(2) To be eligible to participate as a recipient in the program a person must:

(a) Meet long-term care services and supports (LTSS) medicaid functional eligibility requirements in chapter 388-106 WAC and financial eligibility requirements in WAC 182-513-1315 (1)-(3) or be determined provisionally approved;

(b) Not have financial resources to pay for guardianship services, fees, or costs from their estate;

(c) Have a qualifying neuro-cognitive diagnosis as defined in WAC 388-106-2105;

(d) At the time of referral and acceptance into the program, be occupying an acute care hospital bed, and not be in a restricted subgroup including current occupancy in a bed readiness program, skilled nursing facility, inpatient rehabilitation, inpatient mental health, emergency department, long-term acute care hospital bed, facility bed under observation status, or in a facility bed under a single bed certification pursuant to a cause under chapter 71.05 RCW;

(e) At the time of referral, no longer requires an inpatient level of care at an acute care hospital;

(f) Likely requires the appointment of a guardian or conservator to be able to access and maintain long-term services and support; and

(g) Not have a professional or lay guardian or conservator willing to accept nomination.

(3) To remain eligible to participate as a recipient in the program a person must:

(a) Remain functionally and financially eligible for DSHS LTSS benefits; and

(b) Receive a DSHS LTSS service.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.060, 43.20B.030, and 74.08.090. WSR 24-16-044, § 388-106-2110, filed 7/30/24, effective 8/30/24.]