

DDOC DRAFT DEFINITION OF SMI 01/04/16

The Definition of **Serious Mental Illness (SMI)** (Disability Law Center, Inc. v. Massachusetts Department of Correction, et. al., Civil Action No. 07-10463) to include:

- Schizophrenia
- Delusional Disorder
- Schizophreniform Disorder
- Schizoaffective Disorder
- Brief Psychotic Disorder
- Substance-Induced Psychotic Disorder (excluding intoxication or withdrawal)
- Other Specified Psychotic Disorder
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Bipolar I, II Disorder
- Other Specified Bipolar Disorder
- Anyone who has **Significant Functional Impairment (SFI)** due to their mental health (including severe Personality Disorders, Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder), defined as:
 - Self-harming behaviors (i.e., cutting, head-banging, suicide attempts, self-strangulation, self-mutilation, swallowing foreign bodies, etc.)
 - Demonstrated difficulty in his or her ability to engage in activities of daily living (i.e., eating, grooming, participation in recreation, etc.)

Demonstrated pervasive pattern of dysfunctional or disruptive social interactions (i.e., social isolation, bizarre behavior, disruptive behavior, etc.)

or a more shortened definition:

'Psychotic, Bipolar, and Major Depressive Disorders and any other diagnosed mental disorder (excluding substance use disorders) associated with serious behavioral impairment as evidenced by acute decompensation, self-injurious behaviors, multiple major rule infractions, or mental health emergencies that requires an individualized treatment plan as determined by a qualified mental health professional.'