

**Division of MRDD
Emergency Criteria for Services**

Consumers must meet one of the following criteria to be considered an emergency and eligible for the division to authorize new services.

- 1. A situation in which the consumer is in immediate need of life-sustaining services and there is no alternative to Division funding or provision of those services. Life-sustaining service is defined as a service to meet a basic human need such as food and shelter, or protection from harm.**
- 2. A situation in which a consumer must be provided immediate services in order to protect another person or persons from imminent physical harm.**
- 3. A court order to which the Division is obligated to respond.**