

IDENTIFYING CASES FOR ELDERCARE COORDINATION

Do you recognize any of these characteristics?

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA	Yes or No
Mediation has reached an impasse or is unlikely to be effective	
Multiple motions to the court; high rates of litigation over non-legal issues	
Competing applications for appointment as guardian citing non-legal reasons why one applicant is more appropriate than another	
Cross allegations of family members; possible safety concerns	
Ongoing disputes about un-measurable or unsubstantiated items	
Some family members have attorneys and others do not (imbalance of power) or all parties self-represented	
History of domestic violence or abuse in the family	
Drug/alcohol abuse	
Number of collaterals/agencies involved	
“Grey” divorce or separation – may be first or after multiple marriages or relationships, especially if children are involved	
APS RELATED	
Multiple calls to APS regarding issues of family conflict regarding an elder	
Case completed with APS where concerns that family conflict may continue to impede welfare of elder	
SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA 1= LOW CONCERN 5 = HIGH CONCERN	Rate 1-5
Possible endangerment of elder or other parties	
Chronic interference with elder’s care or decisions affecting elder’s welfare	
Others’ conflict may place elder in jeopardy	
Possessive or controlling behavior toward the elder	
Elder being denied access to family member(s) and/or significant others	
Parties being denied access to information	
Difficulty in others separating elder’s needs and desires from their own; high degree of rigid thinking; win/lose mentality	
High emotionality expressed by parties in court; verbal abuse; loud quarreling	
Chronic disputes over access and support	
Coalitions/sibling splitting entrenched	
Money is used as bargaining tool or being withheld for care of the elder	
Suspicion – founded or unfounded – of financial mismanagement (by elder or by elder’s authorized decision-maker	
Parties are not working cooperatively with collaterals and resources for the elder	
Guardian or other authorized decision-maker repetitively being questioned and second guessed	

