

Child- and Youth-Serving Residential Treatment Policy

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- 1) The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (HCPF) policy regarding child- and youth-serving residential treatment facilities includes the following:
 - a) Medicaid reimbursement is available for medically necessary stays in treatment facilities (QRTP, PRTF, SUD providers).
 - b) Treatment facilities must be 16 beds or fewer (PRTFs excluded).
 - c) A Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) is considered an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) and cannot share a campus with other facilities without impacting the IMD status of the other component. There is no bed limit for PRTFs.
 - d) Reimbursement for non-treatment facilities that provide services to individuals in the CHRP waiver are covered/reimbursed under our HCBS waivers.
 - e) Children and youth placed in non-treatment residential settings will still be able to access outpatient, community-based services.

- 2) HCPF will recognize a "Safe Harbor" of one mile: Any overnight facility that is greater than one (1) mile from another overnight facility controlled by the same owner/governing body will be deemed an independent facility if the following criteria are met:
 - a) The facility maintains its own license.
 - b) The facility has dedicated staff that ensures a stable milieu.
 - c) Residents do not move between this facility and another during their episode of care.

- 3) For multiple overnight facilities closer than one (1) mile controlled by the same owner/governing body:
 - a) All beds at a single address or on adjoining properties regardless of program or facility type will be considered one institution. The total bed count must be 16 or less to be reimbursed by Medicaid.
 - b) Facilities in home-like structures (cottage, house, apartment) not on a single campus or adjoining properties and located farther than 750 feet apart within a community setting that includes publicly used infrastructure (roads, parks, shared spaces, etc.) can be reimbursed by Medicaid as long as there are 16 or less beds at each facility.