

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

AFFECTED SERVICES: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II & III, Section 107, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department plans to request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the addition of a new covered service for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF). The request addresses the PRTFs' covered services, policies and procedures, standards, and reimbursement methodology. This service is intended to address a current gap in Maine's offering of behavioral health services to youth under the age of 21. The PRTF is being created to specifically address a high need to support Maine's most vulnerable youth, including: youth in out of state placement, youth stranded in psychiatric hospitalization with no safe discharge option, youth stranded in emergency rooms with no safe placement, and incarcerated youth in need of mental health treatment. PRTFs are federally regulated facilities by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) via 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart D and 42 C.F.R.483 Subpart G. PRTFs will be reimbursed for direct services from qualified practitioners and include a cost-settled component for allowable costs.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: This rulemaking intends to create a new section of policy describing Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart D and 42 C.F.R.483 Subpart G.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates that the costs of this rulemaking are unable to be determined at this time due to the complexity of the rule and inability to accurately determine how many members will seek to access PRTF programs from incarceration, hospitalization, and out of state placement.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES: The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926.

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