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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

All Provider Types

Reimbursement Change for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and How It Affects Other Montana Medicaid Providers

Effective March 1, 2009, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) will be reimbursed by Montana Medicaid through a bundled rate to include all psychiatric, medical and ancillary services to meet the youth's psychiatric and physical health care needs.

All expenses for services a youth receives while in a PRTF are the responsibility of the PRTF. Other enrolled Montana Medicaid providers will not be reimbursed separately by Montana Medicaid for services provided to youth in a PRTF.

Medical and ancillary services are defined in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 37.87.1222 as ambulatory surgical center; audiologist; chiropractor; dentist, denturist, and orthodontist; durable medical equipment; emergency room services not related to the psychiatric condition; eyeglasses; federally qualified health center; hearing provider and hearing aides; hospital; licensed addiction counselor; medical transportation and ambulance services; mental health center; MRI, or other diagnostic services; nutritionist; optometrist and ophthalmologist; outpatient hospital not relative to the psychiatric condition; pharmacy for post-discharge medication; lab and pharmacy not related to the youth's psychiatric condition; physical and speech therapist; physician, psychiatrist, and mid-level practitioner; podiatrist; public health clinic; respiratory therapy; rural health clinic; targeted case management; and any other Medicaid service provided to the youth receiving PRTF in-patient care not related to the youth's psychiatric condition may be considered an ancillary service.

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