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Montana Health Care Programs Notice Out-of-State Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and Therapeutic Group Home Providers

Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Required

Effective immediately, ICPCs are required for Montana youth treated in an out-of-state psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) or therapeutic group home (TGH). The ICPC requirement is not new. Requiring the ICPC to be completed prior to the treatment being “prior authorized” by the Department or their designee is new. ICPCs are required for youth in the custody of a State agency as well as a parental placement.

The ICPC is the best way Montana has to ensure protection of and services to youth who are placed out-of-state. The ICPC is a uniform law enacted by every state in the United States. It was enacted in Montana in 1975. The ICPC establishes procedures for the interstate placement of youth and fixes responsibilities for those involved in placing the youth.

In order to safeguard both the youth and the parties involved in the youth’s placement, the ICPC:

- Guarantees the youth legal and financial protection by fixing these responsibilities with the sending State agency or parent; and
- Ensures that the sending State agency, court, or parent does not lose jurisdiction over the youth once they move to the receiving state for treatment.

Each state has an ICPC Administrator. The Montana ICPC Administrator is Kandice Morse. She is located in the central office of Child and Family Service (CFS) Division, DPHHS, and can be reached by phone at (406) 841-2417, by fax at (406) 841-2487, and by e-mail at kmorse@mt.gov.

For parents requesting placement of a youth in an out-of-state PRTF or TGH, the ICPC 100-A form must be completed, submitted to the ICPC Administrator, and approved by the receiving state, prior to placement. The ICPC 100-A form is located on the DPHHS website at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/formsapplications/cfsicpc100a.pdf>.

Providers can assist parents in completing this form and faxing it to the Department or their designee as part of the prior authorization requirement.

For a State agency requesting an out-of-state placement for a youth in a PRTF or TGH, please refer to the ICPC policy on the CFS website, or contact the ICPC Administrator.

(An ICPC is not required for Benchmark Behavioral Health Systems in Woods Cross, Utah, because they are licensed as a psychiatric hospital and enrolled in the Montana Medicaid program as a PRTF.)

If you have questions or want more information about this program notice, contact Diane White, Clinical Program Officer, Children's Mental Health (Medicaid) Bureau, P.O. Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620-2951, (406) 444-1535, dwhite@mt.gov.

Contact Information

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