

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM**WHAT'S INSIDE:**Residential
Treatment Services
Authorizations

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, INTERIM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES AUTHORIZATIONS

The purpose of this memo is to clarify expectations regarding authorizations for residential treatment services.

As you are aware for FY-06 the Division has offered both a Medicaid REHAB-RT *and* a Non-REHAB (Title IV-E) contract for a range of residential treatment services. The Children's Division determines which contract is utilized based on a child's eligibility for either contract.

With few exceptions, **for all children age six (6) years and older**, the Division will utilize our Residential Facility-Based Rehabilitative Treatment Services (REHAB-RT) contract. The few exceptions would include youth admitted for maternity care, maternity with infant, or infant toddler care (for children under age 6). For all children entering the Division's custody for the first time and requiring a residential treatment service, staff will establish their eligibility for REHAB-RT, per Division policy ([Section 4, Chapter 18](#) of the Child Welfare Manual) and if necessary, back-date the begin date to include the placement date. Additionally, the Residential Care Screening Team (RCST) Coordinators will verify a child's REHAB-RT eligibility *prior to* entering any SEAS authorization for a residential treatment service. If the RCST Coordinator determines that an otherwise REHAB eligible youth has not had their eligibility established in the ACTS system they will immediately contact the child's case manager and/or supervisor. SEAS authorizations for residential treatment services are not to be entered without verification that the ACTS system indicates the child's eligibility.

Attached, please find a copy of the letter that was sent to all contracted residential treatment providers clarifying this issue. The Children's Division is committed to maximizing federal financial participation in support of the residential treatment services we purchase. In doing so, we are potentially able to broaden the availability of this important service to increased numbers of children.

Should questions remain regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Keith Krueger, Program Manager at (573) 751-2052.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.

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[Attachment](#)