



Practice Alert

CHILD CARE IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS

The purpose of this Practice Alert is to inform staff that child care is not allowed for **any** child placed in a residential facility, regardless of the rate or the specific residential placement type. Several counties have continued to allow child care for children placed in a residential facility because it is in the best interest of the child and to provide additional stability for the child however, the residential facilities are licensed to provide 24 hour care which makes child care unnecessary.

When the new child care system is introduced this summer, the system will not allow a child care payment to be entered if the child is in an RFA placement. It is important that this practice be discontinued.

In addition, staff should ensure that placement changes are updated in FACES in a timely manner to ensure data accuracy and timely payment. If the child is in an eligible child care placement, but FACES does not reflect this, the system will disallow the child care facility to be paid.

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