

Practice Alert



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Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

Please let this Practice Alert serve as notification of the residential facilities that have been approved as Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) to date and the process required for admission into a PRTF placement.

A PRTF is a program that provides inpatient psychiatric services furnished in a psychiatric residential treatment facility. Admission into a PRTF setting requires a rigorous review by an independent team, which includes a physician. These settings are not contracted with the Children's Division and are solely funded by Medicaid.

The residential referral process currently outlined in the Child Welfare Manual Section 4, Chapter 2 Subsection 3, will apply for placement into a PRTF setting. Referrals for placement into these settings will continue to be processed through your respective Residential Care Screening Team Coordinator (RCST).

When a child has been approved for PRTF placement, the case manager will update the FACES placement screen, utilizing the MMF (Mental Health Facility) placement type code, within 24 hours of placement.

To date, the following facilities have been approved as PRTF:

- Heartland Behavioral Health
- Great Circle (Springfield and Columbia campuses only)
- Crittenton Children's Center

When additional facilities are approved as PRTF, additional Practice Points will be sent notifying of the new approvals.

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