

# Practice Alert



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## **Residential and Therapeutic Foster Care Placement Authorizations**

Please let this Practice Alert serve as notification that authorizations for placements into Residential Treatment and Therapeutic Foster Homes, will be authorized by Children's Division through the continuity of care period of December 31, 2022.

The Children's Division will fund only the room and board portion of the child's care, while Show Me Healthy Kids (SMHK) will fund the rehabilitative treatment portion for covered children. MoHealthNet (MHD) will fund the rehabilitative treatment portion for children opted out of SMHK plan coverage.

Approval for authorizations will follow the same process as outlined in the Child Welfare Manual Section 4, Chapter 2 (Placements), Subsection 3 – Residential Rehabilitative Services, the Residential Treatment Services contract, and Therapeutic Foster Care contract. These services would include Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP), Non QRTP Residential, Aftercare, Above Level, and Therapeutic Foster Care.

SMHK will continue to authorize placements into Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) for covered children, and MHD will continue to authorize for those children opted out of SMHK plan coverage.

For those youth who require above level services, please continue the same process that was utilized prior to October 1, 2022. Children's Division will notify Show Me Healthy Kids of all authorizations.

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