

Practice Alert



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Residential Stays & Managed Care

The purpose of this practice alert is to inform all CD and contracted case management staff that beginning January 1, 2023, Show Me Healthy Kids (SMHK) began authorizing and funding the rehabilitative portion of care for covered children placed in residential treatment programs.

MOHealthNet (MHD) fulfills this role for children enrolled in the fee-for-service (FFS) program.

Authorizations, continued stays, and cumulative length of stays in residential treatment **will be based on the child's ability to meet established medical necessity criteria.**

All initial authorizations and re-authorizations for residential services will be short-term, as determined by SMHK or MHD.

Once it is determined that residential treatment is no longer medically necessary, the child will no longer be authorized to continue receiving services in a residential setting.

This change in practice and payer of services heightens the importance of early discharge planning. Case managers, in conjunction with the child, family support teams, and care managers (where applicable) should begin discharge planning efforts immediately upon the child entering a residential setting.

If you have questions regarding this practice alert, you may contact your respective Residential Coordinator Screening Team (RCST) member, or Amanda Kroner, Residential Program Specialist at Amanda.Kroner@dss.mo.gov.

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