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To: Colorado General Assembly Joint Budget Committee

From: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

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Subject: Residential Treatment for Child Welfare Youth: Legislative Request for Information
Fiscal Year 2025-26 Response to a Request from the Colorado General Assembly Joint Budget Committee

Introduction

On June 6, 2025, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) submitted a Legislative Request for Information (LRFI) to the Joint Budget Committee regarding residential treatment for child welfare youth. In that submission, HCPF committed to providing additional data once it became available. Specifically, the General Assembly requested: (1) data on the number of youth who re-entered the hospital or emergency services within three (3) months of discharge from a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) or Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), and; (2) completion of an actuarial analysis of PRTF rates. This document provides the requested updates.

Hospital or Emergency Services Re-Entry Following QRTP or PRTF Discharge

Reference: LRFI pages 3-4

The General Assembly requested data on the number of youth who re-entered the hospital or emergency services within three (3) months of discharge from a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) or Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in the prior fiscal year.

- In SFY 23-24, out of approximately 390 youth in QRTP or PRTF, 74 re-entered the hospital or emergency services within 3 months of discharge from a QRTP or PRTF.

Actuarial Analysis of PRTF Rates (HB24-1038)

Reference: LRFI page 8

House Bill 24-1038 required the Department to complete an actuarial analysis of PRTF rates. The Department's contracted vendor finalized this analysis on June 30, 2025.



- The analysis concluded that the current PRTF rates fall within the acceptable range recommended by the vendor.
- The final report is available [here](#).

Please feel free to follow up with Robert Werthwein at robert.werthwein@state.co.us if you have additional questions.

