



COLORADO

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Dear Residential Child Care Facility Provider,

Under [10 CCR 2505-10 8.765.8.F](#), effective July 1, 2022, Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) will no longer reimburse Residential Child Care Facilities (RCCFs) who are enrolled as Provider Type (PT) 52.

Effective for dates of service July 1, 2022, only services rendered under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) in accordance with Section 8.280 are a covered Residential Child Care Facility (RCCF) benefit.

Health First Colorado will only reimburse residential treatment for members when provided in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) or a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

There are two (2) exceptions to this policy:

- The Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Waiver providers, who are enrolled as PT 52 and PT 36, may continue to submit claims for clinical services through their RCCF provider enrollment.
- Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) are the second exception. CSUs are currently licensed as RCCFs and do not have a distinct provider type. Health First Colorado is looking for a solution for these facilities but will continue to reimburse for services provided by CSUs.

In accordance with the [QRTP Billing Manual](#), all members receiving residential treatment in QRTPs must have an Independent Assessment (IA) within 14 days to demonstrate QRTP services are medically necessary and the proper level of care.

For children who are placed in QRTPs, but do not qualify for that level of care under the IA, Health First Colorado will continue to reimburse providers for the daily rate for up to 30 days while a new placement, at the proper level of care, can be located.

If there are members who are still receiving care in a QRTP facility, from an episode of care that began before the facility transitioned over to QRTP, an IA must be completed by July 31, 2022. Facilities may seek reimbursement at the daily rate during this period.

For members who continue to receive treatment in a facility that was formerly an RCCF and began their episode of care in an RCCF placement, and an IA determines this level of care is inappropriate: QRTP facilities may no longer seek reimbursement at the daily rate. Clinical services rendered to this category of members must be delivered and billed, individually, on an outpatient basis, by a provider who is properly enrolled with Health First Colorado. Information is available on the [Find Your Provider Type web page](#).

Contact Christina Winship at Christina.Winship@state.co.us with questions about child-serving residential facility policy, billing, or enrollment.

Thank you,

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