Department of Human Services Tip Sheet:
Clients Enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)

Residential Treatment Care Services for Individuals in Child Welfare/Foster Care

At-a-Glance Terms/Acronyms	
member	individual enrolled in Health First Colorado
RAE	Regional Accountable Entity
RTC	residential treatment care services
RCCF	Residential Child Care Facility
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program

Child in Custody of DHS

DHS is responsible for funding
RTC services in an RCCF.

DHS may also assess the family to pay for room-and-board expenses. The assigned RAE is not responsible for these services.

Child in Custody of Parent/Guardian

Assigned RAE is responsible for funding
medically necessary RTC services.

Often in everyone's interest to request a comprehensive level of care assessment through the RAE:
- RTC placement may not be the preferred level of care, and the RAE can help identify treatment alternatives that can keep the child in the community.
- Court order for treatment does not constitute medical necessity for that service. However, this does not mean the RAE cannot cover the service.

If RAE **denies requested service** because **does not meet medical necessity criteria**, EPSDT funding for the services is not permitted.

If RAE **denies requested service** because member's need is **due to a non-covered condition** (e.g., autism spectrum disorder), this decision may be appealed while also pursuing alternative funding through the EPSDT program.

Funding Through Colorado EPSDT Program
The EPSDT program provides additional funding for screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for children, even if the service is not available to other Health First Colorado members under the state plan.
- EPSDT coverage still requires medical necessity (as determined by EPSDT), and treatment may not be deemed experimental.
- Services may include preventive care, dental, mental health, development and specialty services.