



Dear Residential Treatment Service Provider,

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) services for youth in the custody of Colorado Department of Human Services will be covered under the Behavioral Health capitation and reimbursed by the Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) effective July 1, 2025.

This change helps ensure that all children will access services in the same way, preventing equity concerns and perverse incentives to place children in child welfare. Residential services for children for diagnoses not covered by the RAE, such as Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), must still be billed to the Department under the fee-for-service model. Moving residential behavioral health services for youth in child welfare custody under the capitation will better align with the Standardized Child and Youth Benefit that is being developed for Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Phase III.

Feedback from providers regarding the support, guidance and information necessary to facilitate a seamless transition for everyone involved is valued as the transition plan is being developed.

Providers are requested to take a few moments to complete the [Residential Provider Survey](#) which will serve as an initial step in fostering dialogue. Responses are due by June 21, 2024.

There will be further opportunities for questions and feedback.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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