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Dear Contracted Residential Treatment Provider:

It has been brought to our attention that confusion persists with regard to children's eligibility for residential treatment services through your contracts with the Children's Division. As you are aware for FY-06 the Division has offered both a Medicaid REHAB-RT *and* a Non-REHAB (Title IV-E) contract for a range of residential treatment services. The Children's Division determines which contract is utilized based on a child's eligibility for either contract.

With few exceptions, **for all children age six (6) years and older**, the Division will utilize your Residential Facility-Based Rehabilitative Treatment Services (REHAB-RT) contract. For such children who are entering the Division's custody for the first time and requiring a residential treatment service our staff will be establishing their eligibility for REHAB-RT and as necessary back-dating the begin date to include the placement date. As we have previously advised, the few exceptions would include youth admitted for maternity care, maternity with infant, or infant toddler care (for children under age 6).

The Children's Division is committed to maximizing federal financial participation in support of the residential treatment services we purchase. In doing so, we are potentially able to broaden the availability of this important service to increased numbers of children. We value your partnership in the challenging task of improving the lives of Missouri's most vulnerable children.

Should questions remain regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Dirk Elrod, Contract Management Unit, at (573) 751-2075.

Sincerely,

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