

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:
Emergency and
Residential Treatment
Placements

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PLACEMENTS

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to discuss the appropriate level of services for children placed in residential treatment when they are moved from one facility to another. Residential treatment services need to be provided to children who are in need of such when providers are readily available. Emergency residential placements are not designed to address the treatment needs of the child. Payment to these providers is for room and board only.

Emergency services should not be authorized for children who have been receiving moderate, severe or psychiatric residential services when they are moved to another facility if the provider is contracted to provide treatment services. For example, if a child has been authorized for moderate level residential services at one facility and has to be moved to another treatment facility, the child must be authorized for moderate, severe or psychiatric residential services if the agency is contracted to provide such services. The level of services authorized will be based on the child's needs.

The level of services may change as a child moves from one facility to another. In many instances a change in the child's needs may prompt the move. Services which are available to address the child's needs should be authorized.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS: N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS: N/A	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES: N/A	
RELATED STATUTE: N/A	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE: N/A	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS: N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR): N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS: Parental Resilience- N/A Social Connections- N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development- N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need- N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children- N/A	
FACES REQUIREMENTS: N/A	