



Adoption & Guardianship Subsidy for **RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Residential treatment is designed for children facing significant emotional, psychiatric, or developmental challenges, including behavioral disorders and trauma. These children often need support beyond what their family can provide. Families adopting from foster care or obtaining guardianship may qualify for a subsidy to help cover the child's needs, including residential treatment, through a collaborative agreement with Children's Division. (**13 CSR 35-38.010**)

How does it work?

1 Contact Your Worker

Adoptive parents/guardians contact their subsidy worker for residential treatment services

2 Referral Meeting

Subsidy worker will schedule an initial referral meeting. Important documentation to be reviewed at the meeting includes:

- Residential Treatment Referral (CS-9) from the subsidy worker
- Daily Living Activities (DLA-20) provided by a qualified health professional
- Relevant psychiatric/behavioral health diagnosis and recent psychiatric evaluation, if available.

3 Determination of Eligibility

Eligibility determination is made based on the reviewed documents and acceptance by a residential facility. Children's Division must receive a written prior authorization from the child's insurer except in those specific circumstances where a prior authorization waiver is approved. Parents/guardians will receive notice of eligibility via email or mail.



Responsibilities of Parent/Guardian

To address a child's need for residential treatment, follow these steps:



Contact the child's subsidy worker to discuss possible less restrictive treatment options.



Obtain prior authorization for covered services from the child's insurer or Children's Division.



Provide necessary paperwork for the treatment facility and insurer.



Continue to support the child and actively participate in their treatment

Arrange placement with a suitable residential treatment facility near home. To request a full and current printable listing of Licensed Residential Facilities in Missouri, email cdaskrpu@dss.mo.gov.

What are my rights?

If the Division does not approve the requested residential treatment services for any reason, the subsidy worker will provide the following documents to the adoptive parent(s)/guardian(s). These documents will provide instructions on how to appeal a decision or request a hearing regarding a decision:

- The Notification Letter for Adoption and Guardianship Subsidy Denials (CD-87)
- The Application for Fair Hearing (CD-53)
- The Withdrawal for Fair Hearing (CD-54)

Questions?

If you have any questions, reach out to your subsidy worker. For more information about Adoption and Guardianship Subsidy for Residential Treatment, [read the regulations](#).

My Subsidy Worker

Care Manager or Other Important Contact



If you are a Veteran in the state of Missouri and are interested in learning more about benefits and resources available to you and your dependents, visit <https://mvc.dps.mo.gov/MoVeteransInformation/Survey/DSS>.

