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To: **Acute Care Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, Psychiatrists, Health Services Providers in Psychology, Mental Health Clinics, Physicians, Primary Medical Providers for Primary Care Case Management and Community Mental Health Centers**

Subject: **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services for Patients Younger Than Six Years Old**

Overview

The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) implemented coverage of psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) services for children effective January 1, 2004. Concerns about age limitations in residential facility licensure rules prompted dissemination of information about how to request a waiver of licensing rule age restrictions in certain cases involving requests for PRTF admission of a child younger than six years old.

General Background Information

Reimbursement is available for medically necessary inpatient PRTF services provided to children younger than 21 years old. Reimbursement is also available for PRTF services provided to children younger than 22 years old who began receiving PRTF services immediately before their 21st birthday. **All PRTF services require prior authorization by Health Care Excel (HCE).** Please consult Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) provider bulletin *BT200404*, dated February 27, 2004, for more detailed information about prior authorization, billing, and reimbursement for IHCP-covered PRTF services. IHCP provider bulletin *BT200404* also includes information about PRTF provider enrollment and is available online at www.indianamedicaid.com.

Licensing Rule Provision Waiver to Admit a Child Younger than Six Years Old

Medicaid provider enrollment criteria for a PRTF require: (1) licensure as a private secure facility under *470 IAC 3-13*; (2) accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the Council on Accreditation (COA); and (3) compliance with the requirements of *42 CFR 483*, *Subpart G* governing

the use of restraint and seclusion. However, *470 IAC 3-13-40* stipulates that children admitted to a private secure facility shall be six years old or older. Therefore, a waiver of this licensure rule is necessary for a Medicaid-enrolled PRTF to admit a child under the age of six years.

Medicaid reimbursement is available for PRTF services provided to a child younger than six years old when such services are determined to be medically necessary and appropriate for the individual, prior authorized by HCE, and provided by a Medicaid-enrolled PRTF that has obtained a waiver from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (IFSSA) to admit a child younger than six years old. To request a waiver to admit a child younger than six years old, a Medicaid-enrolled PRTF must submit the following information to the Residential Licensing Unit, Division of Family Protection and Preservation, Indiana FSSA:

• Name of child

• Child's date of birth

• Why the child needs this specific placement

• Expected duration of stay at facility

Requests may be faxed to (317) 232-4436, and an approval or denial will be given the same day or within two business days from receipt of the request. A Medicaid-enrolled PRTF may also mail a written waiver request to:

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