

Subject Psychiatric residential treatment facility services

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Overview

Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs) are licensed by the Department of Human Services, to provide services to children and youth with complex mental health conditions. PRTFs are a more intensive option than children's residential treatment, intensive treatment in foster care, or day treatment, but less intensive than a psychiatric hospital or a psychiatric unit of a general hospital.

This bill removes the requirement for prior authorization and determination of need by the state medical review agent, and modifies rates and billing for PRTF services.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Eligibility.
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Amends § 256B.0941, subd. 1. Removes the requirement to involve the state medical review agent in determining and documenting the need for PRTF services. Adds a paragraph requiring department oversight and utilization reviews of PRTF referrals and admissions, and to coordinate a statewide list of children who meet PRTF medical necessity criteria and are awaiting admission.

2	Per diem rate.
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Amends § 256B.0941, subd. 3. Modifies PRTF per diem rate to be per provider rather than a statewide average rate. Allows for billing by either the facility or the licensed professional who provided the services. Removes reference to prior authorization by the state medical review agent.



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