

PUBLIC NOTICE
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

Public notice is hereby given that effective July 1, 2010, the Wyoming Department of Health intends to make the following changes to the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan for the psychiatric residential treatment facilities payment methodology for services provided to individuals under age twenty-one.

The proposed changes update Attachment 4.19A to add Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, with regard to the methodology used to calculate Medicaid reimbursement of psychiatric residential treatment facilities, for services provided to individuals on or after its effective date. The Department developed the rate methodology based on facility-specific Medicaid cost report data.

The revised methodology uses Medicaid cost report data for provider fiscal years ending in state fiscal year 2009 ("base period") to develop all-inclusive prospective per diem payment rates for Medicaid allowable operating and treatment services. Facilities included in the development of the methodology included facilities located in Wyoming and out-of-state facilities with at least \$25,000 of Wyoming Medicaid payments in the base period. Medicaid reimbursement to psychiatric residential treatment facilities for services to individuals under age twenty-one continues to be based on medical necessity and requires prior authorization.

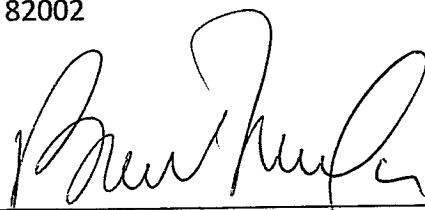
Facilities were grouped into two mutually exclusive peer groups based on geographic location for analysis of costs and development of rates: Peer Group 1 includes Wyoming facilities determined by the Department to be in the Wyoming catchment area; Peer Group 2 includes out-of-state facilities. The methodology establishes a facility-specific per diem rate for each facility that submitted a complete cost report.

Based on SFY09 PRTF cost reports, the federal fiscal impact associated with this amendment is estimated to be a decrease in psychiatric residential treatment facility reimbursement of \$773,000 (\$476,100 federal share) for federal fiscal year 2011 in comparison to estimated FFY 2010 payments. Because some out-of-state PRTFs will have a rate decrease, and in-state PRTFs will have a rate increase, this will result in a net decrease from SFY10 to SFY11.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan will be available at the Department of Health, Office of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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