



Provider Notice

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires, per [42 CFR §441.153](#), that an Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT) must assess the needs of a youth to determine the appropriate level of care and, if appropriate, to certify medical necessity for residential treatment services.

All Medicaid-eligible youth must be referred to Magellan of Virginia who will make the referral to the IACCT team for psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs) and therapeutic group home (TGH) services. In addition, all inpatient providers and residential treatment providers must refer to Magellan of Virginia to initiate the IACCT certification process to assess and certify an appropriate level of care prior to being transferred to PRTF or TGH care from an inpatient setting.

The IACCT is essential in ensuring the most clinically appropriate, least restrictive setting, and that care is provided in a manner that best suits the needs of each youth and family. The IACCT will also ensure family engagement in the decision making process and throughout the course of treatment.

In cases where the member was admitted prior to the IACCT process being completed, due to either an IACCT special consideration process or member not being eligible for Medicaid at the time of admission, residential providers are encouraged to have the guardian sign an agreement to participate in the IACCT process in order to meet the above stated requirements. In cases where the parent chooses not to participate in the IACCT process, this agreement will support the provider in reimbursement of services as long as medical necessity is met.