



## Provider Notice

As of July 1, 2017, **Magellan Healthcare of Virginia** serves as a **single point of entry for youth who are enrolled in Medicaid and are at risk of admission to residential treatment**. Referrals must be made to Magellan for all Medicaid funded placements in residential treatment settings, and the admission will be coordinated by the Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT). The IACCT team will consist of a physician or psychiatrist, a licensed mental health professional, a Magellan Residential Care Manager, the youth and legal guardian, a family support coordinator, and other treatment professionals who are involved with the youth.

The IACCT team, **the youth, and youth's family will collaborate** on assessments or assist in gathering medical and behavioral health treatment records to **fully assess the youth's and family's needs. This information will be used** to formulate a preliminary plan of care and determine if the youth's needs can be met safely in the community with additional resources or if the youth requires residential placement for safety and effective treatment.

The youth's treating psychiatrist will be asked to participate in the IACCT process by providing a recommendation regarding the most appropriate level of care for the youth based on his/her assessment. **The recommendation of the psychiatrist must be based solely on the needs of the member and should not recommend a specific facility or provider**. This is a requirement of the Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) for using federal Medicaid funding.

With the physician recommendation, the IACCT team will identify the appropriate level of care based on a medical necessity review. If the youth requires residential placement, the IACCT Licensed Mental Health Professional will complete the Certificate of Need (CON) and obtain the physician's signature.

The facility where the member is ultimately placed can be a facility that the treating psychiatrist is affiliated with **as long as the affiliated psychiatrist recommends a level of care and not a specific facility**.

**Members and legal guardians are entitled to free choice of provider and should not be limited to a specific provider.**