
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) Overview

A PRTF is any non-hospital facility that provides inpatient psychiatric services to Medicaid-eligible individuals under the age of 21.

A PRTF must have a provider agreement with the Idaho State Medicaid Agency, be accredited, and meet the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) requirements in §441.151 through 441.182 and 483.350 Subpart G governing the use of restraint and seclusion.

PRTF Federal and State Requirements

In Idaho, PRTFs are only governed by federal certification regulations. Idaho has no state licensure rules for PRTFs.

Applicable federal certification requirements are found in:

- The State Operations Manual (SOM), [Chapter 2](#), Section 2830, and
- In SOM [Appendix N](#), [Appendix Z](#) and [Appendix Q](#).



Below is a brief overview of the regulations. Please refer to the SOM and its appendices for additional information.

Appendix N – Interpretive Guidance for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)



Appendix N includes the federal statutory designation, the regulatory language, and interpretive guidance for PRTFs. These regulations are divided into a Condition for Participation (CoP or Condition) and standard level requirements.

The CoP represents the overall requirement that a PRTF must comply with. Under the CoP are the standard level regulations associated with the CoP.

The purpose of the interpretive guidance is to clarify the information that is relevant to a requirement, and to assist in consistent decision-making regarding facility compliance.

Appendix Z – Emergency Preparedness (EP) Requirements

[Appendix Z](#) includes the federal statutory designation, the regulatory language, and interpretive guidance for Emergency Preparedness (EP), which is applicable to all provider and supplier types, including PRTFs. These regulations are divided into a Condition for Participation (CoP or Condition) and standard level requirements.

The CoP represents the overall EP requirement that a PRTF must comply with. Under the CoP are the standard level regulations associated with the CoP. The purpose of the interpretive guidance is to clarify the information that is relevant to a requirement, and to assist in consistent decision-making regarding facility compliance.

Appendix Q – Guidelines for Determining Immediate Jeopardy

[Appendix Q](#) provides guidance specific to situations of Immediate Jeopardy. Jeopardy is defined as a situation in which the entity's noncompliance "...has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident receiving care in a facility."

The three components of Immediate Jeopardy are *Harm*, *Immediacy*, and *Culpability*.

- Harm may be actual or potential,
- Immediacy means the harm is likely to occur in the very near future if immediate action is not taken, and
- Culpability asks if the entity knew or should have known about the situation.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding the PRTF program, please visit the CMS [Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Providers](#) website.