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SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN RESIDING IN OR UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY

MO HealthNet implemented the Prior Authorization (PA) requirement for many therapy services provided to Foster Care Children effective January 2, 2008. Services provided to children residing in or under the management of a residential care facility were exempt from the PA requirement if the services are provided at the residential care facility.

Many Foster Care Children who reside in or are under the management of a residential care facility receive therapy services at a site other than the facility. Residential care facilities routinely allow children to be seen off campus for psychotherapy services, usually to ensure continuity of care. For dates of service July 1, 2008 and after, these services will also be exempt from the PA requirement when provided to a child age 3 or older under the management of a residential care facility with an ME Code of 07, 08, 37, or 88.

TJ MODIFIER

Services provided at a site **other than** the residential care facility, for a child that is residing in or under the care and management of the residential care facility, should be billed using the TJ modifier. The provider should work closely with the Children's Division and the residential care facility to verify that the child is residing in or under the care and management of the residential care facility. If the child's status changes and the child is no longer under the care and management of the residential care facility, a PA may be required for therapy services. Please refer to the Psychotherapy Bulletin, Volume 30, Number 27, dated November 30, 2007 for information regarding the PA requirements for Children in Foster Care.

Services that are provided at the residential care facility should continue to be billed with Place of Service 33, which will exempt the services from the PA requirement. The TJ modifier should **not** be used for these services.

Family Therapy without Patient Present, Individual Interactive Therapy and services for children birth through 2 years of age will continue to require PA, regardless of the placement of the child. The TJ modifier should not be used for these children.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896**