

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES, PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (PRTF).

- 7 AAC 145. Medicaid Payment Rates.
- 7 AAC 160. Medicaid Program; General Provisions.



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**Please see the public notice for details about how to
comment on these proposed changes.**

Notes to reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line above the text of each section of the regulations states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being repealed and readopted (replaced), *the new or replaced text is not bolded or underlined*.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is to be deleted.
4. When the word “including” is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means “including, but not limited to.”
5. Only the text that is being changed within a section of the current regulations is included in this draft. Refer to the text of that whole section, published in the current Alaska Administrative Code, to determine how a proposed change relates within the context of the whole section and the whole chapter.

Title 7 Health and Social Services.**Chapter 145. Medicaid Payment Rates.****7 AAC 145.620. Residential psychiatric treatment center payment rate.**

7 AAC 145.620(c) is repealed and readopted to read:

(c) The department will pay a daily rate for residential psychiatric treatment facility services at the lesser of the following rates:

(1) the amount charged by the provider under 7 AAC 145.020; or

(2) the rate established in the department’s *Chart of Psychiatric Residential*

Treatment Facility Rates, adopted by reference in 7 AAC 160.900.

7 AAC 145.620(d) is repealed and readopted to read:

(d) On or after July 1, 2025, the rates of payment in the department’s *Chart of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Rates*, adopted by reference in 7 AAC 160.900, will be reestablished at least every four years using a modeled rate methodology including

(1) components for treatment hours, staffing ratios, salaries, fringe benefits, productivity, program support, and administrative costs;

(2) information from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the United States Internal Revenue Service; and provider surveys.

7 AAC 145.620(e) is repealed and readopted to read:

(e) Each July 1, if the rates of payment in the *Chart of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Rates*, adopted by reference in 7 AAC 160.900, are not reestablished under (d) of this section, the department will adjust the rates of payment in the *Chart of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Rates* for inflation using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Home Health Agency Market Basket in the most recent quarterly publication of Global Insight's Healthcare Cost Review available 60 days after July 1. (Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

7 AAC 145.620 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) Notwithstanding (c), (d), and (e) of this section, the department will pay a flat rate of \$211 per day to a residential psychiatric treatment center for each therapeutic transition day authorized for a recipient under 7 AAC 140.405(g). In this subsection, "therapeutic transition day" means a calendar day related to a hospitalization in a residential psychiatric treatment center that is authorized by the department for payment for services for a recipient under 21 years of age who has been stabilized and is therefore ready for transition or discharge.

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

Chapter 160. Medicaid Program; General Provisions.

7 AAC 160.900. Requirements adopted by reference.

7 AAC 160.900(d)(69) is repealed and readopted to read:

(69) *Chart of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Rates*, dated **November**

30, 2021 [AUGUST 4, 2020].

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 8/25/2010, Register 195; am 12/1/2010, Register 196; am 1/1/2011, Register 196; am 1/15/2011, Register 197; am 2/9/2011, Register 197; am 3/1/2011, Register 197; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 12/1/2011, Register 200; am 1/26/2012, Register 201; am 3/8/2012, Register 201; am 4/1/2012, Register 201; add'l am 4/1/2012, Register 201; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 10/16/2012, Register 204; am 11/3/2012, Register 204; am 12/1/2012, Register 204; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am 1/1/2013, Register 204; am 1/16/2013, Register 205; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 11/3/2013, Register 208; am 1/1/2014, Register 208; am 2/2/2014, Register 209; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 3/22/2014, Register 209; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 2/26/2015, Register 213; am 3/15/2015, Register 213; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 5/1/2016, Register 218; am 6/16/2016, Register 218; am 6/16/2016, Register 218; am 7/22/2017, Register 223; am 11/5/2017, Register 224; am 3/1/2018, Register 225; am 10/1/2018, Register 227; am 1/1/2019, Register 228; am 3/24/2019, Register 229; am 6/2/2019, Register 230; am 6/13/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 10/25/2019, Register 232; am 11/10/2019, Register 232; am 4/24/2020,

Register 234; am 5/21/2020, Register 234; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am 10/1/2020, Register 235; am 10/4/2020, Register 236; am 1/1/2021, Register 236; am 3/31/2021, Register 238; am 6/30/2021, Register 238; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040
AS 47.05.012