

DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATIONS AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL
CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

19. Treatment Foster Care Services

a. Assurances:

1. Foster Care or Child Welfare System Services:
The Division of Medicaid does not reimburse for services that are an integral part of the foster care or child welfare system.
2. All other Rehabilitation Option State Plan services:
All other Rehabilitation Option State Plan services not a component part of treatment foster care services are available to the individual receiving treatment foster care services in the community.
3. Inmates:
Treatment foster care services cannot be provided to inmates in a public institution.
4. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services:
The Division of Medicaid covers all medically necessary services for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries ages birth to twenty-one (21) in accordance with 1905 (a) of the Act, without regard to service limitations and with prior authorization.

b. Agency Requirements

1. Agencies that provide treatment foster care services must be certified by DMH to provide treatment foster care services in addition to meeting the requirements in section B on page 1 of attachment 3.1-A Exhibit 13.d.
 - a) Individual therapeutic foster care homes cannot have more than two (2) individuals with serious emotional disturbances placed in the home at a given time. More than two (2) siblings may be placed together in the same home if a) they have never been separated and b) they are not a danger to others.
 - b) Therapeutic Group Homes are limited to ten (10) individuals at a given time.

c. Team Member Qualifications

1. To provide treatment foster care services a psychiatrist, physician, psychologist, LCSW, LMSW, LPC, LMFT, PMHNP, PA, CMHT, CIDDT, or CAT must receive specialized training for clinicians including trauma informed care, crisis prevention and intervention, and person-centered planning.
2. A Treatment Foster Care Specialist must hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a mental health field and at least one (1) year experience or training in working with children with serious emotional disturbances, be certified by DMH as Community Support Specialist and work under the supervision of a psychiatrist, physician, psychologist, LCSW, LPC, LMFT, PMHNP or PA.

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d. Treatment Foster Care Service

1. Treatment foster care service is defined as an all-inclusive model of intensive and supportive services provided to individuals up to the age of twenty one (21) in DHS custody with significant medical, developmental, emotional, or behavioral needs who, with additional resources, could remain in a family or integrated community setting and achieve positive growth and development.
2. The clinical purpose of treatment foster care service is to prevent hospitalization of individuals in DHS custody by providing services to enhance their emotional and behavioral well-being and social functioning.
3. The components of treatment foster care service may include:
 - a) Treatment plan development and review,
 - b) Medication management,
 - c) Individual therapy,
 - d) Family therapy,
 - e) Group therapy,
 - f) Crisis response, and
 - g) Community support services.
4. Treatment foster care services must be included in a treatment plan approved by one (1) of the following treatment foster care service team members: a psychiatrist, physician, psychologist, LCSW, LPC, LMFT, PMHNP or PA.
5. Treatment foster care services are provided by one or more of the following treatment foster care team members: a psychiatrist, physician, psychologist, LCSW, LMSW, LPC, LMFT, PMHNP, PA, CMHT, CIDDT or CAT.
6. A Treatment Foster Care Specialist can only provide Community Support Services.
7. Services must be prior authorized by the UM/QIO as medically necessary.
8. Treatment foster care services, at a minimum, must consist of at least one (1) individual therapy session per week and one (1) family session per month.
9. Treatment foster care services are covered as an all-inclusive daily service and are limited to One hundred and eighty (180) days per state fiscal year.