



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA * DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

SUBJECT	Medical Assistance Coverage for Recipients Residing in Community Residential Facilities	BY	 Eileen M. Schoen Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers of the medical assistance policy relating to residents of licensed community residential living facilities.

SCOPE:

This bulletin is applicable to all providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Department licenses three types of community residential living facilities. Community Residential MR Facilities are licensed and operated under the oversight of the Department's Office of Mental Retardation pursuant to 55 PA Code Chapter 6400. The Office of Mental Health has similar responsibilities relating to Community Residential Rehabilitation Facilities, 55 PA Code Chapter 5310, and the Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation licenses and oversees Personal Care Homes, 55 PA Code Chapter 2620.

Since the facilities operating under the Office of Mental Retardation and the Office of Mental Health receive state and county funds directly under their operating contracts, the Office of Medical Assistance has sometimes questioned whether medical assistance funds should be used to pay for basic medical supplies and equipment required by their residents. Since this has resulted in some confusion, we are clarifying the policy to assure that recipients who are residents of licensed community residential facilities are eligible for all medical assistance covered services which are medically necessary for the individual.

PROCEDURE:

Follow the procedures and requirements set forth in medical assistance regulations and handbooks in billing for medical assistance covered services rendered to recipients who are residents of Community Residential MR Facilities, Community Residential Rehabilitation Facilities, and Personal Care Homes. Medical assistance eligibility for these persons is the same as for persons living in a private residence.

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