

2422.10.05 RESIDENTS OF PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES

Residents of psychiatric facilities (public or private) may be eligible for Medicaid under the conditions specified below.

A psychiatric facility, or institution for mental diseases (IMD) as referred to in federal regulations, is defined as a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care to persons with mental diseases, including medical care, nursing care, and related services.⁸⁵

Individuals residing in an IMD, as defined above, can be eligible for MA, if they are:

- Age 65 or older; or
- Under age 21. ~~reside in a Medicaid-certified facility, and have an approved Certification of Need, Form 1261A. Refer to Section 2422.10.10.~~

Eligibility for MA does not automatically mean that claims for inpatient psychiatric hospital and psychiatric residential treatment facility services will be reimbursed. These claims are subject to prior authorization requirements. Refer to section 2422.10.10.

Additionally, if a recipient is receiving approved inpatient services prior to age 21, coverage continues until services are no longer required or the recipient reaches age 22, whichever comes first.⁸⁶

⁸⁵ SSA 1905(i)

⁸⁶ 42 CFR 441.151