
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)

IX. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

1) Non-Governmental Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF):

- (A) Reimbursement to non-governmental PRTFs is based on provider-specific negotiated per-diem rates. Said negotiated rates shall be based on reasonable costs. Reasonable costs are determined by the State and based upon the standards set in the CMS -15 Parts I and II of the Provider Reimbursement Manuals.
- (B) The negotiated rates include all services related to treating the youth's psychiatric condition provided in and by a PRTF, with the exception of medications prescribed during the youth's stay in the PRTF and case management and rehabilitation planning services provided by an entity other than the PRTF to support transition back to the community.
- (C) For out-of-state PRTFs, payment will be made at the lesser of a negotiated per diem reimbursement rate or the facility's usual and customary charge. For plan of care activities not included in the per diem, additional fee-for-service reimbursement using the Vermont Medicaid fee schedule is available. Reimbursement for out-of-state psychiatric residential treatment facility services must have prior authorization.

2) In-State Governmental Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities:

- (A) Interim per-diem PRTF rates shall be based upon most recent available costs. Interim rates are provisional in nature, pending the completion of a cost reconciliation and cost settlement for that period.
- (B) Final reimbursement is based on the actual reasonable and necessary costs. Annual costs will include detailed cost data including direct costs, operating expenses related to direct services, indirect costs, and general and administrative costs in support of PRTF services.
 - (i) Governmental PRTF reimbursement is based on cost, and includes:
 - a. Psychiatric, medical, and ancillary services not limited to therapeutic services provided by PRTF staff and/or contractors
 - b. Active treatment services including, but not limited to, individual, group, and family therapy
 - c. Services, therapies and items related to treating the youth's psychiatric condition