



# *PCP Guide to Accessing Psychiatric Residential Treatment for Youth with Medicaid*

Magellan IACCT Process and Certificate of Need  
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Magellan Healthcare of Virginia is the Behavioral Health Services Administrator for DMAS and covers Non-traditional Services in Virginia for MCO members.

All Residential Treatment Services for youth are covered through Magellan and a referral requesting assessment for residential treatment is made to Magellan. The referral form can be found at [www.MagellanofVirginia.com](http://www.MagellanofVirginia.com) in the Forms section.

An independent assessment and a Certificate of Need (CON) are required prior to a youth being admitted to a residential treatment facility.

The input and recommendations of the youth's treating physicians are highly valued in this process.



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## **IACCT engages the youth's physician or psychiatrist**

The Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT) Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP) or a designated staff will contact the youth's psychiatrist or PCP to request his or her participation in providing information regarding the appropriate level of care for the youth.

If either of these physicians are not able to make recommendations regarding the appropriate level of care, or if the youth does not have a psychiatrist or PCP, the LMHP will contact the Magellan Intensive Care Manager (ICM). Magellan will provide assistance to the family in obtaining a PCP or psychiatrist through their MCO or utilizing the DMAS resources for Fee for Service members.

If the Psychiatrist or the PCP has not had contact with the youth in the last 13 months, a face-to-face or telemedicine appointment must take place before recommendations are made.

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If the PCP or psychiatrist is engaged in the IACCT process, and if residential treatment is the recommended level of care, the physician involved with the IACCT process signs the Certificate of Need (CON).

If the PCP and or psychiatrist are unable or unwilling to participate in the CON and or IACCT process, the LMHP will engage with a centralized physician.

If the centralized physician is unable or unavailable to see the youth within the required timeframe, the IACCT process is closed. The Magellan ICM coordinates an emergency assessment for the youth regarding their safety in the community. Appropriate referrals based on this assessment are made and the ICM will work with the family for 90 days and assist with physician engagement.

Once a physician has been contacted and can see the youth, a new referral can be made.

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## **To recap:**

- A child is thought to need psychiatric residential treatment by someone in his or her life.
- A referral for this level of care is made to Magellan through the IACCT process.
- An IACCT LMHP is contacted by Magellan and the assessment process begins.
- The LMHP or designated person (could be the family) contacts the youth's psychiatrist or PCP to ask them to participate in the assessment of need.
- The PCP or psychiatrist may ask to see the child first, or may make recommendations based on current knowledge of the youth if seen within the last 13 months.
- If there is no PCP or psychiatrist willing to participate, a centralized physician will be contacted to see the youth for an assessment.
- If this is not possible within the required timeframe, the IACCT process is closed with appropriate referrals and follow up by the Magellan ICM.
- If the level of care assessed is residential treatment, the physician involved with the IACCT process signs the CON.

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## **References:**

<http://www.magellanofvirginia.com/for-providers-va.aspx>

<http://www.magellanofvirginia.com/for-providers-va/psychiatric-residential-treatment-facility-changes.aspx>

<http://www.magellanpcptoolkit.com/>

Magellan toll-free: 1-800-424-4046 (Identify as a physician wishing to consult with Medical Director.)

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