
CHAPTER 26: ICF/DD SERVICES

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Services provided by an Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD) are designed for those individuals diagnosed as having developmental lags which are considered amendable to treatment in a 24-hour managed care environment where they will achieve maximum growth. Individuals are admitted to an ICF/DD after it has been determined by an interdisciplinary professional team that admission is the best available plan.

This chapter specifies the requirements in maintaining an ICF/DD. This document is a combination of federal laws, state laws and Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) policy. It is not all inclusive of the regulatory process. Providers should also refer to the ICF/DD Federal regulations found at 42 CFR Part 483 or the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) published ICF/DD Standards for Payment. There is no intent to include contradictory statements in this manual. If there is a conflict between material in these standards and the federal and state laws or policies governing the program, the state laws or policies governing the program have precedence. These standards provide the ICF/DD with information necessary to fulfill the provider enrollment contract with the agency. The Standards for Payment will take precedence over the language in the manual chapter.

The standards set forth in this and subsequent sections comply with the Title XIX requirements of the amended Social Security Act. That Act sets the standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare and comfort of medical assistance recipients in facilities providing ICF/DD services. These standards apply to ICF/DDs certified and enrolled by DHH for vendor participation in the Louisiana Medicaid program and supplement current licensing requirements applicable to ICF/DDs. Any infraction of these standards may be considered a violation of the provider agreement between DHH and the ICF/DD.

If any of these standards are not maintained, DHH will determine whether facility certification will continue with deficiencies as allowed under Title XIX regulations or whether termination of the Provider Agreement is warranted. During the determination period, vendor payment will not be suspended. However, deficiencies, which may affect the health, safety, rights, and welfare of the recipients, must be corrected expeditiously in order for the ICF/DD to continue to participate.

If a certified ICF/DD is found to have deficiencies which immediately jeopardize the health, safety, rights, and welfare of its recipients, DHH may impose interim sanctions or initiate proceedings to terminate the ICF/DD's certification.

Monitoring of an ICF/DD's compliance with state and federal regulations is the responsibility of DHH's Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF). The BHSF Health Standards Section is responsible for determining an ICF/DD's compliance with state licensing requirements and compliance with specific Title XIX certification requirements.