

	GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES MEDICAID POLICY MANUAL			
	Chapter:	2050	Effective Date:	December 2019
	Policy Title:	Placement Outside The Home		
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REQUIREMENTS

An individual living in a placement outside the home may, under certain circumstances, be eligible for Family or ABD Medicaid.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

Who May be Eligible

An individual is potentially eligible for Medicaid if any one of the following situations exist:

- an individual admitted to a medical institution to receive medical care

NOTE: An individual incarcerated or placed in a detention facility who is admitted to a medical treatment facility is considered a resident of the detention facility and is therefore ineligible for Medicaid.

- an individual in a private community facility such as a homeless shelter or a shelter for victims of domestic violence
- a child in a private child care institution that provides 24- hour non-secure custodial care, such as a children’s home
- a child in a family licensed home supervised by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- an child in a private licensed group home
- a child in a family foster home approved by one of the following agencies:
 - DFCS
 - Child Services and Family Counseling
 - The United Methodist Children’s Home
 - The Georgia Baptist Children’s Home (Palmetto Campus)
 - DJJ (as contract home or attention home)

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)**Who May be Eligible (cont.)**

NOTE: Social Services verifies that a placement has been made in an approved facility.

- an individual in a licensed emergency shelter
- a child placed in any other public or private agency, which DFCS approves for placement.

Public Institution

For Medicaid eligibility purposes, the following placement facilities are *not* considered public institutions:

- public educational or vocational training institution
- publicly operated general hospital
- publicly operated nursing home
- publicly operated community residence or group home that serves no more than 16 individuals
- public child care institution that accommodates no more than 25 children and the child is approved to receive Title IV-E foster care payments
- an intermediate care facility for the mentally disabled (nursing home unit), even if located on the premises of a public institution

NOTE: Normally Medicaid is not approved for individuals residing in public institutions, such as Georgia Regional Hospital. However, some of these institutions have Medicaid participating nursing homes associated with them. If a level of care instrument is received from one of these facilities, proceed with the Medicaid eligibility determination.

Who is Ineligible

An individual is **ineligible** for Medicaid if any of the following situations exist:

- the individual is incarcerated in a jail, prison or other facility operated primarily for detention
- a child is placed in a detention facility, such as a Youth Development Campus (YDC)

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)**Who is Ineligible (cont.)**

EXCEPTION: A child placed temporarily in a Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) or YDC while awaiting transfer to a private facility may be eligible for Medicaid.

- the individual is placed in a public institution

EXCEPTION: If the placement in the public institution is temporary while awaiting a private placement more appropriate to the needs of the individual, the individual is potentially eligible for Medicaid. (See **NOTE** above.)

- the individual is legally committed to an institution, whether public or private
- the individual is placed in an institution operated for the treatment of tuberculosis

Individual Placed Out-of-State

An individual placed by a state agency in an out-of-state institution or licensed foster care facility is considered a legal resident of the state making the placement.

The state of origin is responsible for the medical expenses of the child.

EXCEPTION: If the individual is a IV-E eligible child and IV-E payments are made, the child can be approved for Medicaid in the state where the child is placed. Refer to Chapter 2800 for IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance policy.

The placement facility may locate a local doctor, dentist or other medical provider who will enroll as a Medicaid provider in the state of origin.

NOTE: If no providers are willing to enroll for the other state's Medicaid, notify the state office Medicaid Policy Unit.

Private Placement of a Child

A child placed by a parent or other responsible adult in a private placement facility or LA-D may be eligible for Family or ABD Medicaid.

For Family Medicaid, the child placed in a private childcare (residential) institution is considered as an AU of one (1) and no longer in the home of the family. A child placed in a psychiatric hospital by a parent or other caretaker relative would be considered absent from the home for treatment or training and would not be considered as an AU of one (1).

Refer to Chapter 2600, Family Medicaid AUs and BGs.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)

Private Placement of a Child (cont.)

NOTE: For FM, budget any money received by the facility for the child. If the parents provide money, it is considered child support and the \$50 child support deduction is allowed. If another responsible adult provides money, it is considered a contribution.

For ABD Medicaid, see Section [2225](#), Residency for determining state of residence.

Use the following chart of situations to determine if an individual is potentially eligible for Medicaid based on current living arrangement outside the home:

CHART 2066.1 INDIVIDUALS IN PLACEMENT OUTSIDE THE HOME	
Situation	Medicaid Eligibility
If the individual is placed in:	Then s/he is Medicaid
a public institution EXCEPTION: Temporary arrangement awaiting a more appropriate placement for his/her needs in a private facility	ineligible ----- eligible
a public childcare institution that accommodates no more than 25 children and the child is receiving Title IV-E foster care payments	eligible
a publicly operated community residence or group living home that serves no more than 16 individuals (example: residential drug treatment center operated by the Mental Health Division of DHS)	eligible
a public educational or vocational training institution	eligible
a publicly operated general hospital	eligible
a publicly operated nursing home or hospice provider	eligible
a Regional Youth Detention Center operated by DJJ	eligible
a prison, jail or other incarceration facility operated primarily for detention	ineligible
a Youth Development Campus EXCEPTION: Temporary arrangement awaiting a more appropriate placement for his/her needs in a private facility	ineligible ----- eligible
a public or private placement of legal commitment through court proceedings	ineligible
an institution operated for the treatment of mental diseases or tuberculosis	ineligible
a medical institution to receive medical care, such as a hospital	eligible

CHART 2066.1 INDIVIDUALS IN PLACEMENT OUTSIDE THE HOME (CONT.)	
Situation	Medicaid Eligibility
If the individual is placed in:	Then s/he is Medicaid
a private community facility such as a battered women's or homeless shelter	eligible
an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (nursing home unit) even if located on the premises of a public institution	eligible
a private licensed group home or personal care home licensed as a CCSP provider	eligible
a private child care institution that provides 24-hour non-secure custodial care, such as a children's home NOTE: Consider the child an AU of one. Budget any money received by the facility for the child as income to the child. If the parents provide money, allow the \$50 child support deduction.	eligible
an attention home operated by the DJJ	eligible
a contract home operated by the DJJ	eligible
a family foster home approved by DFCS or DJJ, Families First, Inc., United Methodist Children's Home, Georgia Baptist Children's Home (Palmetto) can use any other public or private agency which DFCS may approve for placement	eligible
a licensed private emergency shelter	eligible
an institution or foster care home in the state of Georgia placed by another state's agency EXCEPTION: The child is IV-E eligible and receiving IV-E per diem in placement in Georgia.	ineligible ----- eligible
Outdoor therapeutic program/outdoor therapeutic residential wilderness program.	Eligible