
**INSTITUTIONALIZATION
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION**

A. GENERAL

Federal regulations require that Medicaid recipients who enter long term care be in need of the medical care for which payment will be made. In accordance with this requirement, a physician's certification of need and level of care is required for the following types of coverage:

- Nursing Home placement,
- ICF-MR placement,
- HCBS for the Physically Handicapped Waiver participation, and,
- Disabled Child Living At-Home coverage.

A peer review agency under contract with the Division of Medicaid is charged with the responsibility for certifying the medical necessity of long term admissions to:

- Psychiatric Residential placements,
- Swing Bed placements, and,
- Long Term Hospitalizations.