

Department of Public Health  
and Human Services

Section:  
Non-financial Requirements

HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS

Subject:  
Public and Mental Disease Institutions

**Supersedes:**            **New to HMK Manual**

**General Rule** – Coverage through the Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) plan is not available to a child who is:

1. a patient in an institution for mental disease (IMD) at the time of HMK enrollment or re-enrollment; or
2. an inmate of a public institution.

**NOTE:** A child in an IMD cannot be enrolled under HMK. However, an HMK-enrolled child who subsequently enters an IMD remains enrolled until enrollment is renewed.

**Example:** Jimmy is admitted to an IMD October 25. His family applies for HMK on November 10. Jimmy cannot be enrolled in HMK effective November 1. If all other eligibility requirements are met, he can be enrolled in HMK after he is discharged from the facility.

### **INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASE (IMD)**

An IMD is a facility with more than 16 beds and its primary function is the treatment of mentally ill patients. IMDs in Montana include:

1. Warm Springs State Hospital (Warm Springs);
2. Shodair Hospital and Residential Treatment Center (Helena);
3. Intermountain Children's Home (Helena);
4. Acadia (Butte); and
5. Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (Billings).

### **PUBLIC INSTITUTION**

Public institutions are facilities that incarcerate individuals who are involuntarily serving time for a criminal offense. Public institutions include state or federal prisons, jails, detention facilities, or other penal facilities. Public institutions in Montana include:

1. Pine Hills (Miles City);
2. Riverside (Boulder);
3. Montana State Prison for men (Deer Lodge);
4. Montana State Prison for women (Billings);
5. Regional prisons (Billings, Glendive, Great Falls and Missoula);

6. NEXUS Methamphetamine Treatment Center for men (Lewistown);  
and
7. Elkhorn Methamphetamine Treatment Center for women (Boulder).

NOTE: A facility is a public institution when it is under the responsibility of a government unit or when a governmental unit exercises administrative control of the facility.

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