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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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ARM 37.82.101

GENERAL RULE--Provide Medicaid coverage to residents of licensed medical institutions or intermediate care facilities/nursing homes that meet the financial and non-financial criteria of the Medicaid program.

**INSTITUTIONS FOR  
THE MENTALLY  
RETARDED:**

Institutions for the Mentally Retarded are primarily for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of mentally retarded individuals and individuals with cerebral palsy, epilepsy or other developmental diseases. The facility provides evaluation, 24-hour supervision and coordination of health and rehabilitative services in a protected residential setting.

Montana Development Center (MDC) is an institution for the mentally retarded. Eligibility for MDC residents is processed according to policies in MA 904-2 and 904-3. Subtypes to be used on APMA are MA/ID and MA/IA.

**INSTITUTION  
FOR MENTAL  
DISEASES:**

Institutions for Mental Diseases primarily engage in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care for individuals with mental diseases.

See MA 907-1 "Montana State Hospital Residents" for processing procedures.

The age requirements:

1. Residents of a medical institution for mental diseases must be age 65 or older, or under the age of 21 in order to be eligible to receive Medicaid payment for services.
2. Residents who are under 21 and have been receiving in-patient psychiatric services are considered residents of the institution until they are unconditionally released or when they reach 21, whichever is earlier.
3. Individuals over 21 who are released or on convalescent leave from the institution are no longer considered residents and may be eligible for medical assistance under other sections of this manual.

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Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center (MMHNCC) in Lewistown is both an institution for mental diseases and an intermediate care facility. Residents of this facility who are age 65 or older should be processed for Medicaid according to the processes outlined for other nursing home residents (including the nursing home span).



Individuals who are age 22 or older but not yet age 65 are not eligible for Medicaid coverage of any type while they are residents of MMHNCC.

**INTERMEDIATE  
CARE FACILITY/  
NURSING HOME:**

Nursing homes provide health-related services above the level of room and board. Residents must be admitted by a physician and continuously remain under a physician's care.

**INTERMEDIATE  
CARE FACILITY  
FOR MENTALLY  
RETARDED:**

An Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded provides intermediate care to the mentally retarded or individuals with cerebral palsy or other developmental diseases. A resident may be eligible if s/he meets all eligibility requirements.

**SKILLED NURSING  
FACILITY/NURSING  
HOME:**

A Skilled Nursing Facility provides skilled nursing care to individuals admitted by a physician and who remain in need of daily services that can only be provided on an in-patient basis.

**SWING BEDS:**

Approved hospitals may provide temporary long-term care services when a nursing home bed is not available within a twenty-five mile radius. The cost of swing bed care is a recognized medical service for incurment purposes.

**NOTE:** Pre-Admission Screening is required for Medicaid coverage of swing bed services.

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