



## MEDICAID POLICY CLARIFICATION #PC000278 BOYS TOWN

11/3/2023

To: Iowa Medicaid Managed Care Plans

This letter is a formal notification of the state's expectations related to the operations and implementation of Iowa Medicaid under the managed care program. This purpose of this letter is to do following:

- Provide formal guidance
- Clarification of existing Iowa Medicaid policy
- Guidance on new process or policy
- Request for information

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal guidance for Boys Town. Boys Town is considered an in-state provider for purposes of referrals made on behalf of children living in the Western Community Service area. Representatives from the MCOs met with Director Matney to discuss these changes in June of 2023. Children living in this service area can be referred to Boys Town without first being denied by Iowa Providers effective July 1, 2023.

In the event a youth presents with need but without a relationship with an outpatient provider able to sign the certification of need, this would be considered an emergency admission. As such, the certification of need must be made by the team responsible for the plan of care (§ 441.156) within 14 business days after admission.

### **Related Policy Clarifications:**

This policy clarification should be used in correlation with the following policy clarifications:  
None

This formal guidance impacts capitation rates in the following manner:

- This [is was] an Iowa Medicaid practice prior to April 1, 2016 and was included in the experience used to develop the capitation rates.
- This is a new process or policy that does not have a fiscal impact.
- This is a new process or policy that will be reflected in revised capitation rates and implemented July 1, 2021.



Attestation:

I hereby attest to receipt and understanding of this communication including all requirements and due dates.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

The department will monitor progress towards implementation and may impose remedies for failure to implement.

Sincerely,

Account Manager  
Managed Care Account Manager