

**INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY/MENTALLY RETARDED (ICF/MR)****17.56 ESTABLISHING MEDICAL NECESSITY**

Medical necessity for ICF/MR care is determined by the LTC/AC Unit based on information provided by the group home on the forms DD-1 through DD-5.

The medical eligibility certification must be submitted to the LTC/AC Unit within 90 days of the date of placement in the ICF/MR, or within 90 days of the authorization of payment, if already placed in the facility.

The case management agency, in conjunction with the admission committee of the certified ICF/MR group home, may determine medical necessity of applicants for ICF/MR placement in a group home on a presumptive basis not to exceed 30 days.

The first half of the presumptive application form, ES-ICF/MR-1, is the medical certification that the ICF/MR placement is the least restrictive and best placement for the applicant, and must be signed by a licensed psychologist or other Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP) on the day the applicant is admitted to the group home.

For applicants presumptively approved, the group home sends one copy of the ES-ICF/MR-1 to the attention of the CSM in the county where the group home is located, and one copy, along with the psychological/medical/social treatment plan that is compiled on the Department of Health forms DD-1 through DD-5, to the LTC/AC Unit.

At the time of the client's presumptive approval, the psychological/medical/social treatment plan is submitted to the LTC/AC Unit for a determination of the client's medical necessity. When the LTC/AC Unit makes a determination, the CSM is notified. The effective date of medical necessity is indicated in the memorandum.