

**Fact Sheet: Parent Initiated Treatment**

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<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>Parents may request a determination of whether their minor youth has a substance use disorder requiring residential treatment. Youth consent is not required for parent-initiated treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A parent may bring, or authorize the bringing of, his or her youth (defined as under age 18) to a certified treatment program and request that a substance use disorder assessment be conducted by a professional to determine whether the youth has a substance use disorder and if the youth is in need of residential treatment.</li> <li>• The consent of the youth is not required for admission, evaluation, and treatment if the parent brings their youth to the program.</li> <li>• An appropriately trained professional may evaluate whether the youth has a substance use disorder. The evaluation shall be completed within 24 hours of the time the youth is brought to the program, unless the professional determines that the condition of the youth necessitates additional time for evaluation. In no event shall a youth be held longer than 72 hours for evaluation.</li> <li>• If the professional determines it a medical necessity for the youth to receive residential treatment, the youth may be held for treatment. The facility shall limit treatment to that which the professional determines is medically necessary to stabilize the youth's condition until the evaluation has been completed. Within 24 hours of completing the evaluation, the professional shall notify the department if the child is held for treatment and of the date of admission.</li> <li>• No provider is obligated to provide treatment to a youth under the provisions of this section. No provider may admit a youth to treatment under this section unless it is medically necessary.</li> <li>• No youth receiving inpatient treatment under this section may be discharged from the program based solely on his or her request.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth under age 18 whose parents bring the youth to a treatment agency for evaluation</li> <li>• Youth has a substance use disorder that meets medical necessity for residential treatment</li> <li>• Agency is willing to complete evaluation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Authority</b></p>	<p>RCW 70.96A.245 valid until April 1, 2018</p>
<p><b>Budget</b></p>	<p>The Medicaid funding for youth SUD treatment services is included in the per-member-per-month (PMPM) payment for the Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs). Since moving to managed care,</p>

	<p>there is no longer a separate budget for these services.</p> <p>In addition to the PMPM for Medicaid clients, Medicaid and low-income clients can access non-Medicaid services through the BHOs using the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG), GF-State or Designated Marijuana Account funding sources.</p>
<b>Rates</b>	Rates vary between BHOs and their providers.
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