

Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center (RPTC) Review Process  
BTKH 11-3-08

- Youth referred to Qualis for medical necessity determination for RPTC admission based on meeting Level of Care (LOC)
- Qualis faxes referral to the Resource Team (RT) to answer criterion “An appropriate, less restrictive level of care **within the State of Alaska** is unavailable or inaccessible”
- If RT determines resources are available at a lower LOC, and parents agree, the youth remains in the State of Alaska and served at a lower LOC
- If RT determines that there are clinically appropriate RPTC beds in the State of Alaska, the youth remains in the State of Alaska and Medicaid pays for RPTC treatment
- If RT determines that there are clinically appropriate RPTC beds in the State of Alaska, and parents disagree, the youth can be treated at an out of state facility and Medicaid does not pay for treatment
- If RT determines that there are no clinically appropriate RPTC beds in the State of Alaska, the youth can be treated at an out of state facility and Medicaid pays for treatment
- If youth is admitted to RPTC LOC, Qualis performs continued care reviews once every 30 days. Note that the discharge plan is required upon admission and more specific discharge info is to be given at each continued care review
- Qualis Care Coordinators (CC) monitor discharge plans, assist facilities with discharge planning\*, and may (depending on Medicaid status) follow the family up to 6 months post discharge

\* CCs routinely refer to BTKH projects such as Stone Soup, SESA, CoDI, and AYFN in addition to other behavioral health and social service agencies