


STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health and Family Services
Division of Children and Family Services

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Re: RCC Service Types in
eWiSACWIS for CY 2008

To: Area Administrators/Assistant Area Administrators
Bureau Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Developmental Disabilities
Services Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Licensing Chiefs/Section Chiefs
Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators

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Administrator

Beginning in January 2008, the Department of Health and Family Services will take over administration of rates for Residential Care Centers (RCCs) and Group Homes in eWiSACWIS. The change is intended to ensure consistency in applying the correct RCC and Group Home rate to placements and reduce under/overpayments attributable to selecting the wrong rate.

For RCCs, State staff will maintain a centralized list of RCC services, with each of the specific programs offered by RCCs having its own specific service type that child welfare agencies will use in making RCC placements in eWiSACWIS. This will enable State staff to accurately maintain the RCC services for the entire state. To implement the new centralized list of RCC service types, all current RCC placements will be ended in the system effective December 31, 2007. Agencies will be sent a list, at the beginning of January 2008, of all RCC placements that had been auto ended December 31, 2007 and the new centralized list of RCC service types. Agencies should take the following actions:

1. All RCC placements that end in December should be ended in the system prior to December 31, 2007. All RCC placements that are open on December 31 will be auto ended. Any delay in entering placements that end in December will lead to the placements being incorrectly auto ended on December 31. After 12/31/2007 any placements that should have ended back in 2007 will need to be corrected using the eWiSACWIS Placement Correction functionality. Placement Correction will be the only method available to update these placements. The standard 36 day waiting period will be in effect for using placement correction on these placements.
2. Agencies should review all of the auto-ended placements to ensure the placements are truly RCC placements that match the new list of RCC service types. Any placements that were incorrectly entered as an RCC placement should be re-entered using the appropriate service type.
3. Agencies will need to re-enter RCC placements using the new RCC service types by January 31, 2008. All previous RCC service types will be inactivated and no longer available for use.
4. Agencies will no longer have the security clearance to adjust RCC rates for statewide RCC service types.
5. All new RCC placements beginning in January should be entered using the new list of RCC service types.

There will be no change to the Group Home service types. However, the State will begin maintaining the rates for Group Homes as is stated above. Also, similar to bullet point 4. above, agencies will no longer have the security clearance to adjust Group Home rates for statewide GH service types.

ACTION STATEMENT: Counties should prepare for State administration of RCC and Group Home rates. See above.

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