Residential mental health facilities for children and youth are specialized kinds of hospitals which provide 24-hour care and have as their primary function the diagnosis and treatment of patients to age twenty-one (21) who have psychiatric disorders to restore them to an optimal level of functioning.

Exemptions:
Any residential mental health facility for children and youth operated by the federal government

Type Regulation:
State: A facility must first obtain a certificate of need in order to be eligible for a permit. A facility choosing to participate in federal programs must be certified.

Legal Authority:
O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40 Certificate of need required
O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1 Regulation of hospitals and related institutions- definitions
O.C.G.A. § 31-7-3 Requirements for permits to operate institutions
O.C.G.A. § 31-7-5 Exemptions from permit requirements

Rules:
State:
• Rules and Regulations for Residential Mental Health Facilities for Children and Youth, Chapter 111-8-68 effective August 3, 2010
  • Disaster Preparedness Plans, Chapter 290-5-45, effective June 7, 1984
  • General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements, Chapter 111-8-25, effective August 3, 2010

Federal:
• Requirements for States and Long Term Care Facilities: General requirements for psychiatric residential treatment facilities, 42 CFR Sec. 441 Subpart D

Fees:
• Permit: $250-$1500 annually