

An institution which specializes in providing an intermediate level of care to mentally retarded clients residing in the facility. The intermediate level of care provided includes the provision of shelter, food (including special diets), laundry and personal care services and a program of active treatment if participating in the Medical program.

Exemptions:

Any ICF/MR operated by the federal government.

Type Regulation:

State: The institution must have a permit to operate as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded. Prior to being licensed, a facility must obtain a certificate of need in order to be eligible for a permit.

Federal: To be eligible for reimbursement through the Medicaid program, the institution must be certified.

Legal Authority:

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1 et seq. Regulation of hospitals and other healthcare facilities

O.C.G.A. §31-2-9 Rules and regulations

O.C.G.A. §31-2-11 Actions against applicants or licensees

[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

Rules:

State:

- [Rules and Regulations for Intermediate Care Homes](#), Chapter 290-5-9, effective November 15, 1976 and the Conditions of Participation set forth in 42 C.F.R. 440.150 et.seq. to participate in the Medicaid program.
- [Disaster Preparedness Plans](#), Chapter 290-5-45, effective June 7, 1984
- [Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 290-1-6, effective August 16, 1993

Federal:

- [Requirements for States and Long Term Care Facilities](#), CFR Title 42, Chapter IV, Part 483, 483.10 through 483.80 (for those facilities that choose to be federal). To obtain more information about certification and general information on ICF/MR(s), visit the CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) website:
[CMS ICF-MR Guidance Page](#)

Fees:

- Permit: No charge