



Acute Care, Psychiatric and Specialty (PRTFs) Programs and Services Georgia Department of Community Health

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.

Federal: 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

[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

Rules:

State:

- [Rules and Regulations for Residential Mental Health Facilities for Children and Youth](#), Chapter 290-4-4, effective February 22, 2009
- [Disaster Preparedness Plans](#), Chapter 290-5-45, effective June 7, 1984
- [Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 290-1-6, effective August 16, 1993
- [Rules and Regulations for Certificate of Need](#), Chapter 111-2-2, effective October 1, 2008

Federal:

[Requirements for States and Long Term Care Facilities: General requirements for psychiatric residential treatment facilities](#), CFR Title 42, Chapter IV, Part 483 - 483.354 through 483.376.

Fees:

- Permit: No charge

