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**From:** Peggy Torrey <PTorrey@carolinachildrenshome.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Carolina Children's Home EDO Program  
**Date:** August 20, 2013 2:27:12 PM CDT  
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This is the last one.

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From: Peggy Torrey  
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 4:27 PM  
To: Peter Liggett  
Cc: Sam Waldrep; Brenda Hyleman; Jeanne Carlton; Will Ponder; CHRISTOPHER A YEAKEL  
Subject: RE: Carolina Children's Home EDO Program

Pete,  
Thanks for your quick response.

I really think we need to discuss this. We do still hope to have all "levels" of insured vs non-insured, BUT in other states, Medicaid pays between 50% and 75% of the daily rate for eating disorder treatment. For residential care, that daily rate is usually between \$1,000 and \$1,500. The PRTF rate of \$291 isn't even 50% of those rates.

As you know, eating disorder treatment is even more labor intensive than that provided in PRTF. Also as you know all too well (!) the PRTF rate itself is under fire as being too low. We would not be able to provide ED treatment for Medicaid clients at that rate and would have to simply provide care for those who can pay and scholarship clients funded through donations to maintain our mission. I know you currently have to pay much more for continued in-patient care out of state and had hoped that our provision of care could be a mutually beneficial situation for us all.

We are receiving calls about residential care for Medicaid clients from around the state. Beth Riley, from Greenville, has called most recently (Tuesday) and offered to join us in any discussions with HHS if we would like to include her—your call. How would you like to proceed? I will be happy to take whatever next steps you suggest.

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Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 3:34 PM  
To: Peggy Torrey  
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Subject: RE: Carolina Children's Home EDO Program

Hey Peggy,

We, unfortunately, cannot negotiate a different rate; the rate established for PRTFs came as a result of the legislative proviso that allowed high-management group homes to become PRTFs (I believe CCH was one such organization that benefitted from that legislation and made the switch from HMGH to PRTF). The current rate is in our State Plan; we are exploring changes to the rate for all PRTFs, but this will take at least a year. I'm going to ask around about enhancement based on your specialization, but can't make any promises.

We certainly need your services and your facility; so, please don't misread my response as SCDHHS not being interested in seeing you succeed. I just may not be in a position to make the adjustment you're requesting. It appears that you can, in fact, admit Medicaid kids now under your current status as a PRTF and will receive the \$291 all-inclusive per diem rate that's been established. Yesterday in our meeting with PRTFs we discussed looking at "exceptional" medical issues as being covered outside of the all-inclusive rate on a case-by-case basis. We will have to work those details out first before we can authorize those.

You indicated in our meeting that you were looking at an approach that kept you "not-for-profit" but provided you with the necessary mix of Medicaid, commercial insurance, and self-pay that kept you running. Has there been a change to that approach?

**~Pete**

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The rates would need to be substantially different from a regular PRTF client. That would be the biggest issue. Could we negotiate differently for that one program within the overall contract?

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From: Peter Liggett [mailto:[liggettP@scdhhs.gov](mailto:liggettP@scdhhs.gov)]

Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 11:02 AM  
To: Peggy Torrey  
Cc: Sam Waldrep; Brenda Hyleman; Jeanne Carlton  
Subject: Carolina Children's Home EDO Program

Hi Peggy,

Happy New Year...I hope this finds you well.

Got your phone message. Are you able to serve Medicaid kids in your EDO program using your existing status as a PRTF? If so, do we need a separate contract? Seems to me that you could move forward with serving these kids now if you are already enrolled (I've included Sam, Brenda, and Jeanne for input).

**~Pete**

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