

Eating Disorder Programs

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1.0 DESCRIPTION

An eating disorder program is an institutionally based regimen for the treatment of those mental disorders which are characterized by gross disturbances in eating behavior.

2.0 POLICY

2.1 An eating disorder program provided within an institutional facility that meets the requirements to be certified as a TRICARE-authorized institutional provider is covered. For example, a Residential Treatment Center (RTC) or Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) may be covered as an authorized institutional provider. (See [Sections 2.5 and 2.6](#) for PHP certification requirements and [Addendum H](#) for RTC certification requirements).

2.2 Eating disorder services rendered in a freestanding eating disorder program that fails to meet the certification requirements of one of the institutional provider categories listed on [32 CFR 199.6\(b\)](#) are excluded from coverage.

2.3 Medically necessary outpatient eating disorder services may be covered when rendered by a TRICARE-authorized individual professional provider listed in [32 CFR 199.6\(c\)](#).

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