



AT-A-GLANCE: INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES (IMD)

States and plans may provide alternative services – or services in alternative settings such as an approved Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) – “in lieu of” covered services or settings if they are medically appropriate. These “in lieu of” services must be no more costly than the covered services of which they take the place.

Some examples of IMD include:

- Psychiatric hospital
- Nursing facility
- Crisis stabilization unit
- Detox or addictions receiving facility.

A psychiatric unit of a general hospital is not an IMD, nor is an institution for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Using IMD as an “in lieu of” service is one just component of Florida’s overall efforts to bolster its continuum of behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services.



Sources:

[SMMC Contract Exhibit II-A Managed Medical Assistance Program](#)
[SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act \(H.R. 6\)](#)

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IMD FACTS

Characteristics:

IMD has more than 16 beds. Their primary function is diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness or substance use disorders – including medical, nursing, and related services.

Length of Stay:

IMD stays are limited to 15 days per month.

IMD Exclusion:

FFP is not available for Medicaid services (they are excluded) for persons ages 21-64 in an IMD. Full FFP is available for IMD care if the person is age 65 or older.

Cumulative Length of Stay:

The enrollee may have a cumulative LOS (multiple admissions) that total no more than 15 days per month for a plan to receive full payment.

Full Capitation Payment:

A plan can receive two capitation payments for an enrollee with a stay of longer than 15 days that spans 2 months, if each month includes less than 15 days of the stay.

Partial Capitation Payment:

The plan will receive a partial capitation payment only for the days in the month when the enrollee is not an IMD patient.

Pregnant or Post-Partum:

Pregnant and post-partum women with SUD are now allowed IMD stays up to 60 days.