

ICF/MR GROUP HOMES

I. DEFINITIONS

A. ICF/MR Group Homes (intermediate care facility/mentally retarded): A residential facility certified under Title XIX to provide health and habilitation services to mentally retarded or developmentally disabled clients.

B. Provider: Any person, partnership, corporation, facility or institution licensed or certified or authorized by law to provide professional health care service in this state to an individual during that individual's medical care, treatment or confinement. This definition includes any public or private, profit or non-profit organization or governmental entity including but not limited to community mental health and mental retardation centers and their related organizations as set forth in the West Virginia Code, Chapter 16, Article 5F, Section 1, as amended.

II. CURRENT INVENTORY

The HCCRA will provide the applicant with an inventory of ICF/MR group homes.

III. NEED METHODOLOGY

A. The supply of ICF/MR group homes exceeds the needs of the population to be served.

Evidence:

1. The Hartley Plan calls for the development of 340 ICF/MR group home beds. The Plan was amended in 1989 to place a moratorium on the development of further beds that had not already been approved, based upon "an agreement by the parties that new resources should be used to develop small individualized residences and home-based programs."
2. The oversupply of ICF/MR group homes is also documented by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council's "Annual Report and

Recommendations on West Virginia's ICF/MR Program" (1991).¹ The Council's analysis found "that the current service system continues to be heavily weighted by large, congregate living arrangements". Between 1989 and 1991 the number of people with developmental disabilities residing in group homes (the majority of which were ICF/MR) rose by 23%, while the number of people living in individualized and home-based programs fell by 2%.

B. Applications for the establishment, replacement, or addition of ICF/MR beds by any provider shall not be approved under the certificate of need program.

C. Capital expenditures made on or behalf of an existing or proposed provider of ICF/MR group home services which are in excess of the expenditure minimum shall not be approved by the certificate of need program.

IV. QUALITY

Not applicable.

V. CONTINUUM OF CARE

Not applicable.

VI. COSTS

Not applicable.

VII. ACCESSIBILITY

Not applicable.

¹. Each state that receives federal funds under the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights (P.L. 101-496) must establish a State Planning Council "to serve as an advocate for all persons with developmental disabilities by carrying out priority area activities." (Sec. 124(a)) The Council must annually prepare a report which includes "a description of the State Planning Council's response to significant actions taken by the state with respect to any intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded in such state, and with respect to each annual survey report prepared pursuant to 1902(a)(31)(C) of the Social Security Act and each correction or reduction plan prepared pursuant to section 1922 of such Act." (Sec. 107 (a) (4))