



Short Term Respite Care

Magellan Health is seeking providers interested in developing and implementing Short Term Respite Care Services within the Louisiana Coordinated System of Care (CSOC). This Tip Sheet is intended to provide resource information, next steps, and contact information for those providers considering expanding into this service.

Brief Overview of Short Term Respite Care Services *

Short term respite care provides temporary direct care and supervision for the youth in the home or a community setting that is not facility-based (i.e., not provided overnight in a provider-based facility). The primary purpose is relief to families/caregivers of a youth with a serious emotional disorder (SED) or relief of the young person him/herself.

Respite services help to de-escalate stressful situations, as well as provide a therapeutic outlet. Respite may be either planned or provided on an emergency basis. Normal activities of daily living are considered to be included in the content of the service when providing respite care and cannot be billed separately. These include support in the home, after school or at night, transportation to and from school/medical appointments or other community-based activities and/or any combination of the above. The cost of transportation is also included in the rate paid to providers of this service. Short term respite care can be provided in an individual's home or place of residence or provided in other community settings, such as at a relative's home or in a short visit to a community park or center. The child must be present when providing short-term respite care. Short term respite care may not be provided simultaneously with crisis stabilization services and does not duplicate any other Medicaid State Plan service or service otherwise available to recipient at no cost.

The Medicaid rate does not include costs for room and board. Other funding sources reimburse for room and board. Examples include state agencies, the family or legally responsible party.

Resources and Next Steps:

- Access the Louisiana [Service Definition Manual](#) SDM (pages 10-12) for additional information on Provider Qualifications, Eligibility Criteria, Limitations/Exclusions, and Additional Service Criteria.
- Click [here](#) for the **Louisiana Services Manual Codes** and service fees.
- This service falls under the following DHH licensing standards:
 - **Home and Community Based Services, as Respite Care or Personal Care Attendant.** The initial licensing application and regulations can be found by clicking [here](#).
 - **Crisis Receiving Center.** Click [here](#) for the initial licensing application and regulation.
 - **Child Placing Agency.** Click [here](#) for licensing requirements for Residential Care and Special Population Licensing.
- Magellan contracting contact:
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* This Tip Sheet is intended as an aid in researching specifics of this CSOC service. For a thorough description of this service and related requirements, please refer to the resources listed under "Resources and Next Steps."

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