

PROVIDER ADVISORY #2019-005
ICF Continued Stay Reviews
ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019

Beginning June 1, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) will work with KEPRO, a federally designated Quality Improvement Organization (QIO), to transition the Utilization Review (UR) and Continued Stay Review (CSR) services for all Medicaid-eligible recipients residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IIDs). The process for the CSRs will be completely electronic. ICF/IID providers will be able to register for online access to KEPRO's Provider Portal for instant UR and CSR results. The electronic system will allow for efficient reviews (CSRs/level of reimbursement, reconsiderations, and appeals).

Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities are authorized by the following:

- Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 442 and 483;
- Section 409.906, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and
- Rule 59G-4.170, F.A.C.

APD has entered into a contract with KEPRO for the completion of all Continued Stay Reviews. KEPRO will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the timely completion of all Continued Stay Reviews in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations;
- Confirming the initial physician certification of need for care and annual re-certifications as required; and
- Confirming the facility's UR Plan.

APD will still be responsible for:

- Eligibility and admissions;
- Choice counseling;
- Facility-to-Waiver transitions;
- Federal audit reporting; and
- SAO reporting.

KEPRO will maintain a new website to support resources, training, and training materials to assist with this transition.