

Date: November 6, 2017
CYF Memo: # 03-17/18
To: CYF TRC Contractors
From: Yael Koenig, CYF Deputy Director
Re: **TRC serving 18 year old clients**

For Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Teen Recovery Center (TRC) contracts, clients must be admitted to the TRC program prior to their 18th birthday. If clients turn 18 within the course of treatment, or if 18 year old is referred to a Drug Medi-Cal certified school site, the assigned Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) must be notified and pre-approve request. Per Title 22, contractors are reminded that clients that are 17 years of age or younger shall not participate in group counseling with any participants who are 18 years of age or older. However, a client who is 17 years of age or younger may participate in group counseling with participants who are 18 years of age or older when the counseling is at a provider's certified school site.

Title 22. Social Security

Division 3: Health Care Services

Subdivision 1. California Medical Assistance Program

Chapter 3 Health Care Services

Article 4 Scope and Duration of Benefits (Refs & Annos)

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(11) "Group counseling" means face-to-face contacts in which one or more therapists or counselors treat two or more clients at the same time, focusing on the needs of the individuals served. Group counseling shall be conducted in a confidential setting, so that individuals not participating in the group cannot hear the comments of the group participants, therapist or counselor. A beneficiary that is 17 years of age or younger shall not participate in group counseling with any participants who are 18 years of age or older. **However, a beneficiary who is 17 years of age or younger may participate in group counseling with participants who are 18 years of age or older when the counseling is at a provider's certified school site.**

Programs may contact the assigned COR for any additional clarification regarding this Title 22 Regulation and Statement of Work (SOW) language pertaining to Target Population.