



Psychiatric Residential Youth Treatment Facilities (PRYTF)

During the 87th Legislative Session (2021), H.B. 3121 added Health & Safety Code, Chapter 577A, Psychiatric Residential Youth Treatment Facilities, to create a voluntary process for a GRO to be certified as a PRYTF and add Minimum Standards for a PRYTF. In October 2024, CCR adopted amended and new rules in Chapters 745 and 748 to support PRYTF certification and regulation.

A General Residential Operation (GRO) may obtain a PRYTF certificate from Child Care Regulation (CCR) to provide psychiatric health treatment and services to individuals 21 years of age or younger who have a severe emotional disturbance. CCR regulates health treatment and services the PRYTF provides to both children and young adults.

Qualifications to become a PRYTF:

- Be a licensed GRO
- Provide treatment services for emotional disorders
- Have an approved accreditation
- Submit an application for a PRYTF Certification
- Pay the PRYTF Certificate application fee

Additional Resources:

- [Texas Administrative Code Chapter 745](#)
- [Chapter 748 minimum standards publication](#)
- [Minimum standards webpage](#), which includes highlighted copies of the new and amended rules in Chapter 745 and Chapter 748 and a revision memo for Chapter 748
- [H.B. 3121, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021](#)
- [Health & Safety Code, Chapter 577A, Psychiatric Residential Youth Treatment Facilities](#)
- Residential Child Care Regulation Mailbox (rccrstan@hhs.texas.gov)