AT-A-GLANCE: INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES (IMD)

States and plans may provide alternative services – or services in alternative settings such as an approved Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) – “in lieu of” covered services or settings if they are medically appropriate. These “in lieu of” services must be no more costly than the covered services of which they take the place.

Some examples of IMD include:
- Psychiatric hospital
- Nursing facility
- Crisis stabilization unit
- Detox or addictions receiving facility.

A psychiatric unit of a general hospital is not an IMD, nor is an institution for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Using IMD as an “in lieu of” service is one just component of Florida’s overall efforts to bolster its continuum of behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services.

Sources:
SMMC Contract Exhibit II-A Managed Medical Assistance Program
SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6)

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