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Over the last several years, the Northern Michigan Regional Entity NMRE has overspent its block grant funding (which is limited) in part due to not applying strict medical necessity for residential treatment, which are some of its highest cost services. Having again hit those funding limits, the NMRE will no longer be able to fund people for early release from jail into residential treatment. If treatment is requested and medical necessity is established, we will continue to coordinate treatment and to aid in funding once their time has been served.

At the time that most incarcerated persons call the NMRE, they typically qualify for outpatient treatment only. As such, if the person wishes to continue with treatment after their period of incarceration has ended, they should be applying for Medicaid coverage and we will aid them in finding an outpatient program including block grant funding if applicable. If, after entering the program, their therapist feels that the person needs a residential program, the NMRE Access Center will be available to offer that person a screening to determine their medical necessity at the time. These adjustments are being made to comply with State and Federal regulations regarding the use of a common assessment and providing the medically necessary services based on the individual's American Society of Addiction Medicine Level of Care. It should be noted that in certain cases, such as with incarcerated pregnant women, they may still qualify for an inpatient residential program, provided that medical necessity has been met.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 231-487-9144

Sincerely,


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