

CHAPTER 10
SECTION 1.4

EATING DISORDER PROGRAMS

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I. DESCRIPTION

An eating disorder program is an institutionally based regimen for the treatment of those mental disorders which are characterized by gross disturbances in eating behavior.

II. POLICY

A freestanding eating disorder program is not eligible for status as an authorized institutional provider of services and supplies.

III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. The use of the term "eating disorder program" by an institutional provider of mental health services is not sufficient in itself to establish institutional provider status.

B. Claims for services and supplies (otherwise authorized) which are provided within an eating disorder program operated by an authorized institutional provider may not be denied solely on the basis that the services were provided in an eating disorder program.

C. Services provided by a health professional employed by or under contract with a freestanding eating disorder program are excluded from coverage.

D. Services (otherwise authorized) provided by an authorized individual professional provider who is not employed by or under contract with the freestanding eating disorder program providing inpatient or outpatient services to a beneficiary are not excluded from coverage.

NOTE: This guidance is a clarification of guidance on eating disorder programs issued on July 19, 1983. Specific guidance on eating disorders is in [Chapter 8, Section 13.1](#).

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