

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
COUNTYWIDE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Alternative Crisis Services**

**IMD Step-Down Facilities (Enriched Residential Facilities/Augmented Board & Cares/Intensive Residential Services):**

- Provide supportive on-site mental health services at selected licensed Adult Residential Facilities, assisted living, congregate housing or other independent living situations.
- Accommodate persons discharged from an IMD, acute psychiatric inpatient units or intensive residential facilities or those at risk of being placed in these higher levels of care who are appropriate for this service.
- One facility provides services to clients with forensic histories, however charges must be resolved.
- Clients conserved, preferred.

**Admission Criteria:**

- Must be 18-54 years of age.
- Must have a primary DSM IV psychiatric diagnosis and Axis I of any major psychotic disorders. May have Axis II diagnosis of substance abuse.
- No registered sex offenders.
- No fire setting history.
- Ambulatory.
- No serious or life-threatening medical problems.
  - No need for frequent nursing monitoring
  - No need for parenteral medication administration by others (other than dept antipsychotic medications)
- Clients must not require treatment in a locked setting, as evidenced by:
  - No assaultive behavior within the last 30 days
  - No self-destructive behaviors within the last year for swallowing foreign objects and within the last 60 days for other self-destructive behaviors
- Clients must have applied for SSI and there exists a strong likelihood for benefit establishment.
- Clients must require the intensity of services provided by this level of care as evidenced by:
  - Risk of discontinuing treatment, including medication compliance
  - Inability to provide basic living necessities without intensive support and supervision
  - Inability to access mental health treatment, benefits establishment, physical healthcare, self help and peer support groups, money management, and treatment for co-occurring substance abuse disorders without intensive support and supervision