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(a) Admission of an individual to a center shall be based on:

(1) The statement of a physician who, after an examination of the individual, finds that the individual needs care at a center; and

(2) The review and approval of an application for admission of the individual by the center.

(b) If an individual cannot be placed in a special facility in this State that can treat the condition of the individual, the individual may be admitted to a center.

(c) A center may not admit an individual who has:

(1) A mental disorder of the type that requires care in a mental health facility; or

(2) An orthopedic disease for which medical treatment is available in a special orthopedic hospital.

(d) (1) The centers shall be operated primarily for residents of this State.

(2) A center may admit an individual who is not a resident of this State if:

(i) The individual is admitted and discharged in accordance with a specific regional health program or specific demonstration or study project approved by the Department; and

(ii) This State is reimbursed for the full cost of services to the individual.

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