This flowchart outlines the decision-making process for pursuing Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) placement for children/youth in Colorado. It includes multiple pathways depending on custody, health coverage, and availability of resources.

1. Initial Step: Determine if the county plans to pursue QRTP placement:

1.a. If No: Pursue other options through child welfare case or prevention services or community-based services.

1.b. If Yes: Continue to the next step.

2. County Custody: Determine if the county has custody of the child/youth:

2.a. If Yes: Continue to make a referral to the Administration Service Organization (ASO) for Independent Assessment (IA) process. If the IA Process does not recommend QRTP, provide community-based services, or continue with 80/20 funding in QRTP. If the IA Process does recommend QRTP, continue to step 4.

2.b. If No: Assess if the child/youth is covered by Health First Colorado (Medicaid).

2.c. If Not Covered: Outreach to commercial insurance and/or encourage the family to access the Office of Behavioral Health's Children and Youth Mental Health Treatment Act (CYMHTA).

2.d. If Covered: Contact the Regional Accountability Entity (RAE) to coordinate funding for QRTP services.

3. RAE Coordination: Check if the RAE approves funding:

3.a. If Yes: Confirm if a QRTP facility is located and available. If it is, the child/youth enters QRTP and RAE pays clinical costs.

3.b. If No: Follow two pathways depending on the denial reason:

3.b.a. For clinical needs, follow the RAE appeal process and then CYMHTA second opinion at HealthFirstColorado.org

3.b.b. For non-covered benefits, follow the EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) funding process: hcpf.colorado.gov. From there make a referral to the Administration Service Organization (ASO) for Independent Assessment (IA) process. If IA Process does not recommend QRTP, provide community-based services, or continue with 80/20 funding in QRTP. If IA recommends QRTP, continue to step 4.

4. Facility Availability: Determine if a QRTP facility is located and available:

4.a. If No: Identify what the difficulty is the result of:

4.a.a. For bed waitlists, provide community-based or other residential services until a bed becomes available.

4.a.b. For complexity, RAE begins creative solutions: hcpf.colorado.gov

4.b. If Yes: Proceed to placement.

5. Placement: Child/Youth enters QRTP. Healthcare Policy and Financing pays clinical services, county pays room and board.