

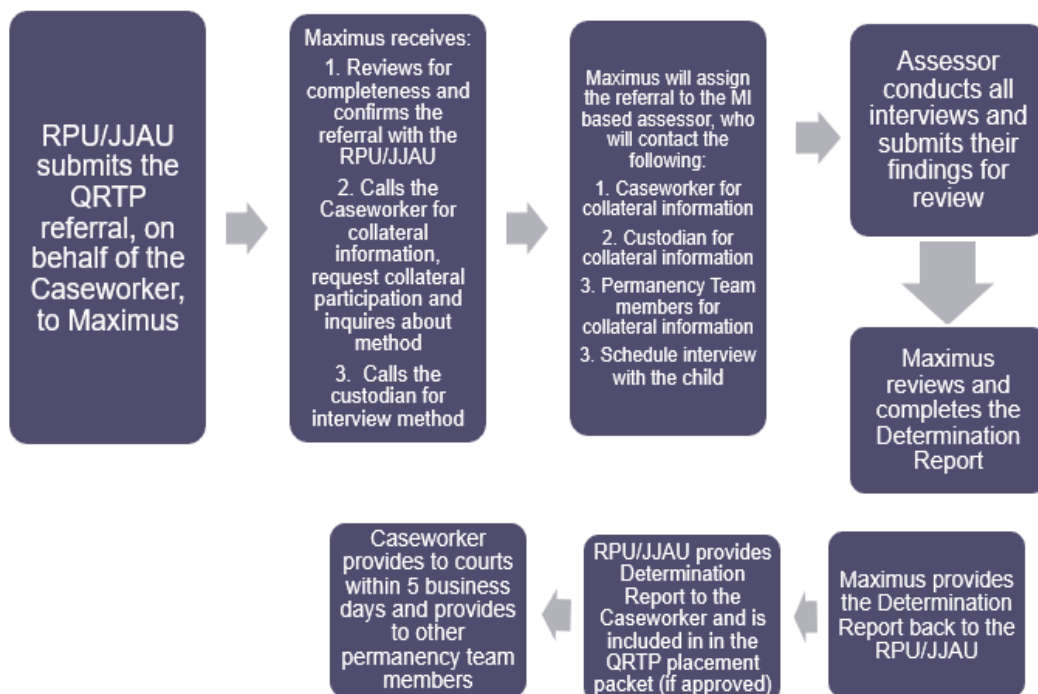
# Michigan Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP) Independent Assessment (IA) Important Process Guidelines, Available Supports and Resources

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (**MDHHS**) contracts with Maximus to administer the state's Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (**QRTP**) Independent Assessment (**IA**) as part of the Family First Prevention Services Act (**FFPSA**). QRTP assessments are conducted for eligible children referred from Regional Placement Unit/Juvenile Justice Assignment Unit (**RPU/JJAU**) to determine appropriateness of receiving care in a QRTP and creating individualized recommendations for the child's care.

A QRTP is a residential treatment setting for children and youth with serious behavioral or emotional needs. Typically, significant risk behaviors should be present in order to require the clinical level of care that a QRTP is federally required to provide. QRTPs make use of a trauma-informed care model to address needs of children with serious emotional or behavioral disturbances, facilitate family participation in treatment (when appropriate), and provide aftercare support for 6 months post-discharge.



## QRTP PROCESS WORKFLOW





## The Interview Process

To complete the QRTP assessment, the **Assessor** must work closely with the child's **Permanency Team**. The **Caseworker** should actively participate in the process and support the Assessor by informing foster parents/parents/family/treatment team members about the intent for the interviews to take place. The Assessor and Custodian will then contact each individual independently to schedule the discussion.

The information you provide when submitting a referral, as well as during your interview with the Maximus Assessor, assists in filling any clinical gaps for a child with limited supporting documentation. Participants attending the interview can include:

Child  
(required)

Caseworker  
(required)

Treatment providers,  
educational service  
providers, and even  
clergy (if applicable)

Foster parents or parents  
(if applicable)  
and/or extended family  
members



## What materials are most helpful to include with each referral to Maximus?

The Maximus program support team will only have access to the supporting documentation provided during the referral process. As the Case Worker, your participation begins with the RPU/JJAU analyst when first identifying residential care (QRTP) is needed. Confirm the information provided is accurate and documented. If not documented, clarify to the analyst why. All relevant documentation (see checklist below) should be included. The information may be from the information entered in the **Health Screens** section in **MiSACWIS**, from **CareConnect360**, or from documents provided by treatment or school providers. Webinars on entering/accessing information from MiSACWIS and CareConnect360 are located in the Learning Management System. Maximus DOES NOT have direct access to MiSACWIS or CareConnect360. **Items appropriate to share with the referral include:**

- ✓ Initial service plan/updated service plans
- ✓ Medication reviews outlining current functioning and challenges
- ✓ School related documents: Psychological or neuropsychological testing, most recent IEP, grade reports current or most recent academic year
- ✓ Mental health: Initial biopsychosocial (if CMH) or other comprehensive assessment (if MHP), most recent comprehensive psychiatric assessment, psychiatric medication reviews for past year, incident reports, most recent Individual Plan of Care/ Person Centered Plan (CMH), treatment summary (if MHP), most recent psychological or neuropsychological testing, testing for eligibility for intellectual and/or developmental disability services
- ✓ Family Team meeting reports
- ✓ Any assessment, testing, medication lists, diagnosis detail, specialist evals

### QRTP Support

Have questions regarding the referral or assessment processes? Contact the **Michigan QRTP Help Desk**:

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833.664.7787

### About Maximus

Since 1975, Maximus has partnered with federal and state agencies to meet legislative mandates and operational improvements. The company sets the industry standard for delivering high-quality, innovative, and value-driven healthcare access solutions, including specialized clinical assessment tools, configurable information systems, and comprehensive project management services. Engaged in FFPSA since its enactment, Maximus also provides similar QRTP assessments in Indiana and North Dakota.