

**260C.71 COURT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) Within 60 days from the beginning of each placement in a qualified residential treatment program, the court must:

(1) consider the qualified individual's assessment of whether it is necessary and appropriate to place the child in a qualified residential treatment program under section 260C.704;

(2) determine whether a family foster home can meet the child's needs, whether it is necessary and appropriate to place a child in a qualified residential treatment program that is the least restrictive environment possible, and whether the child's placement is consistent with the child's short and long term goals as specified in the permanency plan; and

(3) approve or disapprove of the child's placement.

(b) In the out-of-home placement plan, the agency must document the court's approval or disapproval of the placement, as specified in section 260C.708.

**History:** *1Sp2020 c 2 art 5 s 89*

**NOTE:** This section, as added by Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 2, article 5, section 89, is effective September 30, 2021. Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 2, article 5, section 89, the effective date.