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## **OMH, OASAS, DOH, AND NYC DOHMH ANNOUNCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEDICAID MANAGED CARE KICK-OFF FORUMS**

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), Department of Health (DOH), and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) are pleased to announce a series of Behavioral Health Medicaid Managed Care Kick-Off Forums.

The behavioral health Medicaid managed care transition will facilitate a fully integrated behavioral health and physical health service system. This will include the development of specialized Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) for individuals with significant behavioral health needs. For adults 21 and older, this change will go into effect January 2015 in New York City (NYC) and July 2015 in the rest of New York State (NYS). The transformation for children's services will begin January 2016.

To assist behavioral health providers, New York State has contracted for a Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (MCTAC). MCTAC will be led by NYU's McSilver Institute in partnership with the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University. MCTAC will provide tools and trainings that will assist providers in improving business and clinical practices, as they transition to Medicaid managed care.

All New York State behavioral health providers serving adults and children are invited to send administrative, fiscal, and clinical senior executive leadership representatives to attend one of the Kick-Off Forums to learn more about the upcoming changes in Medicaid managed care. Additional forums for the rest of the state will be scheduled in the future. Specifically, these forums will provide:

- An overview of behavioral health Medicaid managed care changes in NYS;
- An introduction to the Medicaid Managed Care Technical Assistance Center;
- A discussion of critical factors for managed care readiness; and
- Information on available resources and upcoming trainings.

Additionally, the forums will provide time for networking with managed care plans (as plan availability permits).

## Initial Schedule of Kick-Off Forums & Registration Links

**Manhattan:** Tuesday, September 9th, NYU Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square S, Rooms 905 & 907. 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. [Register](#). 

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**Manhattan:** Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, NYC Seminar and Conference Center, Lower Level, 71 West 23rd Street. 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. [Register](#). 

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**Queens:** Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, New York City's Children's Center, Queens Campus, 70-03 Commonwealth Boulevard, Building 55: Auditorium, Bellerose. 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. [Register](#). 

**Long Island:** Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pilgrim Psychiatric Center, 998 Crooked Hill Road, Building 102, Room C4, West Brentwood. 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. [Register](#). 

**Brooklyn:** Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, NYU Poly, 6 Metrotech Center, Room JAB475. 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. [Register](#). 

**Albany:** Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Hilton Downtown, 40 Lodge St, Ballroom. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. [Register](#). 

**NOTE:** The Albany Kick-Off Forum will be webcast in order to provide access for those who are unable to attend in-person. Details regarding registration for the webcast will be announced at a later date. Additional forums for the rest of the state will be scheduled in the future.

**CLARIFICATION:** All OMH and OASAS providers serving adults and/or children are invited to attend these forums. Additional forums for the rest of the state will be scheduled in the future.