

May/June 2018 Calendar

Children's Health and Behavioral Health State Plan Service Trainings

May 30

[Rochester](#)

Memorial Art Gallery

May 31

[Binghamton](#)

Holiday Inn Binghamton

June 1

[Tarrytown](#)

Westchester Marriott

June 5

[New York City](#)

NY Academy of Medicine

June 8

[Albany](#)

Capital Center

Adult BH HCBS SDE and Quality/Infrastructure Program – In-Person Forums, Part 2

June 21

[Rochester](#)

Hyatt Regency

June 26

[Albany](#)

Capital Center

June 27

[New York City](#)

NYU School of Law

Upcoming Event Announcements:

June 2018

Children's Home and Community Based Services In-Person Trainings

Adult BH HCBS Quality/Infrastructure Program and Recovery Coordination (formerly SDE)

Since the implementation of Adult Behavioral Health (BH) Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS), New York State and key stakeholders have identified challenges hindering utilization and access to BH HCBS.

In response, NYS has removed the full Adult BH HCBS Assessment requirement; received CMS approval for increases to BH HCBS rates; and increased consumer education.

Now, NYS is taking the following steps to engage Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) to expand access to Adult BH HCBS:

- 1) Movement of BH HCBS funding into HARP premiums
- 2) Allowing HARPs to contract with Recovery Coordination Agencies (RCAs) for HCBS assessments and plans of care
- 3) Creation of BH HCBS Quality/Infrastructure Funds
 - BH HCBS Quality Funds to reward HARPs and providers for successfully engaging members in BH HCBS
 - BH HCBS Infrastructure Funds to assist providers in solving access problems

NYS will partner with HARPs and providers to better assist in accessing Adult BH HCBS. More information on these initiatives is listed on the [OMH Managed Care website](#).

In this BH Managed Care Update:

- Adult BH HCBS Quality/Infrastructure Program and Recovery Coordination (formerly SDE)
- BH Medicaid Managed Care Consumer Education
- Health Home Plus for Individuals with SMI
- Adult BH HCBS access for Individuals in Homeless Settings
- CPEP Guidance sent to Managed Care Plans
- Behavioral Health Care Collaborative (BHCC) News
- Medicaid Enrollment for Behavioral Health Providers
- Children's System Transition Update

Behavioral Health Medicaid Managed Care Consumer Education

NYS has released the following Educational Materials for Behavioral Health Medicaid Managed Care:

- Adult Behavioral Health (BH) Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) [Brochure](#)
- Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) [Brochure](#)
- Behavioral Health Medicaid Managed Care [Video Series](#)

These materials can be found on the [OMH Managed Care website](#) and are available for anyone to use in outreach and education to individuals eligible for and/or enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care Health and Recovery Plans, and Behavioral Health (BH) Home and Community Based Services. All print materials have been translated into nine additional languages that include: Arabic, Traditional Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu.

Health Home Plus Guidance for Serving Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

Prior to May 2018, the ability to serve and bill the HH+ rate code for individuals meeting HH+ eligibility criteria were limited to former Office of Mental Health (OMH) Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers, or OMH Legacy CMAs. Effective May 1, 2018, OMH has established HH+ CMA Credentials that must be met by any non-OMH Legacy CMAs and non-Legacy CMAs who will serve the HH+ population and receive the HH+ reimbursement. Please see the [NYS Department of Health website](#) for more information.

Adult BH HCBS access for Individuals in Homeless Settings

CMS has confirmed that individuals that are considered street homeless and individuals that reside in homeless shelters are allowed access to Behavioral Health (BH) Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) through Health and Recovery Plans (HARP). Please see the **attached guidance** for additional details.

Memo sent to Managed Care Plans regarding authorization of CPEP

On April 16, 2018, NYS issued guidance to Medicaid Managed Care Plans stating that Plans must not deny emergency CPEP claims solely because they do not have a psychiatric diagnosis. It is not always clear when a person is admitted whether they have a psychiatric illness or the symptoms are caused by a substance use disorder or other physical health ailment. Please see the **attached guidance** for more information.

Medicaid Enrollment for Behavioral Health Providers – FAQs Available

In November 2017, representatives from the OMH and DOH held a webinar to clarify the provider enrollment requirements for OMH Licensed Providers and Designated Adult BH HCBS Providers. The follow-up FAQ document for providers is now available. All training and supplemental materials can be found on the [MCTAC website](#).

Children's System Transition Update

The Department of Health is now releasing a [recurring update](#) on the Children's Health and Behavioral Health System Transition. To receive these and other updates, including guidance, announcements, and upcoming training information, please sign up for OMH's [Children's Medicaid Managed Care Transition listserv](#).

Behavioral Health Care Collaborative (BHCC) News

- In-person visits with NYS and each BHCC (19 total) are being scheduled for summer and fall 2018 to give BHCCs the opportunity to provide feedback on project implementation
- Announcing the BHCC Clinical Integration Learning Collaborative, a forum for BHCCs to share best practices and solve problems (*First meeting has been scheduled for week of May 21*)
- Full list of BHCC Network and Affiliate Providers to be posted shortly on the OMH Website



Behavioral Health Managed Care Contact Information

Office of Mental Health
Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services
Department of Health

OMH-Managed-Care@omh.ny.gov
PICM@oasas.ny.gov
managedcarecomplaints@health.ny.gov

Other Contact Information:

Questions regarding HARP eligibility and enrollment:

New York Medicaid Choice **1-855-789-4277**

Adult BH HCBS Designation questions or to update status:

omh.sm.co.hcbs-application@omh.ny.gov

Children's HBCS/SPA Designation questions:

OMH-Childrens-Designation@omh.ny.gov