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New York State Children's Medicaid Health and Behavioral Health System Transformation Timeline Update

Since January 1, 2019, New York State has been actively transforming the Children's Medicaid Health and Behavioral Health System as per the 2018 Transition Plan and in accordance with Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations. Through collaboration among the State agencies and stakeholders, New York has implemented Health Homes Serving Children, implemented the first four of six new Medicaid State Plan Children and Family Treatment and Support Services, consolidated the State's six children's 1915c waivers into an aligned array of home and community based services for eligible children and youth under the Children's Waiver, and aligned the behavioral health benefit for Medicaid managed care enrollees under 21 years of age.

New York has received CMS approval for an amendment to the State's 1115 MRT Waiver, providing authority to enroll more high needs children into Medicaid managed care plans and provide more services for these children through the Medicaid managed care delivery system. This milestone is attributable to the hard work of the Medicaid Redesign Team's Children's

Subcommittee, which includes healthcare providers, advocates, local governments and representatives from all child-serving state agencies, including the Department of Health (DOH), the Office of Mental Health (OMH), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

The State continues to engage health plans, Health Homes, and providers to ensure children and youth have uninterrupted access to services during implementation of these remaining elements of the Children's System Transformation:

- **Starting October 1, 2019**, the home and community-based services provided under the Children's Waiver (except non-medical transportation, which will remain a fee-for-service benefit) will be added to the Medicaid managed care benefit package. Children/youth participating in the Children's Waiver will enroll in Medicaid managed care plans unless they qualify for another exemption or exclusion from enrollment (e.g., have comprehensive third-party health insurance).
- **Starting January 1, 2020**, Youth Peer Support and Training and Crisis Intervention will become available as state plan Children and Family Treatment and Support Services to fee for service and Medicaid managed care enrollees.
- **Starting February 1, 2020**, children placed with Voluntary Foster Care Agencies will enroll in Medicaid managed care, and the services provided by licensed Voluntary Foster Care Agencies will be added to the Medicaid Managed care benefit package.

New York State remains committed to ensuring these critical services are available to the children and youth who need them. Please contact BH.Transition@health.ny.gov if you have any questions.



Developmental and Psychological Testing Billing Guidance UPDATE – Effective 7/1/19

NYS released an update to previous guidance sent out in May 2019 in reference to recent changes to the American Medical Association (AMA), Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual for 2019 that affect OMH-licensed clinic providers who provide Developmental and Psychological Testing services. APG weight changes went into effect as of July 1, 2019 and the 3M APG Grouper Pricer has been updated. See the attached guidance for more information.

For any questions on the information above please contact OMH at clinicrestructuring@omh.ny.gov.

Children and Family Treatment and Support Services: Pathways to Care Resource Guide

With the addition of Family Peer Support Services to the State Plan Children and Family Treatment and Support Services benefit, the state has released an additional resource on [CFTSS Pathways to Care](#).

As a refresher for all CFTSS providers and referring providers, the resource sheet provides information on the referral and recommendation process for accessing these services. An updated copy was released on August 7, 2019.

Discussion with Children and Families on the Children’s Medicaid System Transition

NYS has released a new [webinar recording](#), [PowerPoint](#), and [Questions and Answers for Children, Youth, and Families](#) on the Children’s Medicaid System Transition. You can find these resources and other outreach materials on the [OMH Children’s Transition page](#).

Medicaid transition from WMS to NYSOH for HARP members

MCTAC has posted a [PowerPoint presentation](#) that informs case managers of steps they can take to assist HARP members who need to recertify for Medicaid online via [NY State of Health](#).

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