

Children's Readiness Behavioral Health Information Technology (BHIT) Funding December 2018

BHIT Funding:

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office Children and Family Services (OCFS) are providing a targeted, one-time \$25,000 payment to support providers with Health Information Technology.

Eligible Providers:

- Agencies with minimal or no Medicaid billing history
- Designated by the New York State Children's Provider Designation Review Team to provide:
 - Children's Aligned Home and Community Based Services (HCBS); or
 - New Children and Family Treatment and Support Services.

Goal of these BHIT Funds:

Enhance technology support for providers endeavoring to offer services within Medicaid Managed Care. Agencies should weigh the long-term costs of sustaining individual BHIT solutions versus the costs of connecting to larger integrated solutions owned by agency partners.

Anticipated Outcome:

Increased preparedness of Providers to electronically document and/or bill for services in a managed care environment

New York State will provide the following:

- A letter was sent to all Providers eligible to receive BHIT funding on November 16m 2018
- MC BHIT OSA will be provided to all eligible providers, and must be submitted by December 31, 2018
- Regional, in-person trainings will take place across the state in February 2019.
- One-on-one consultation with MCTAC to evaluate the pros and cons of purchasing/upgrading agency's BHIT system(s) versus connecting with another agency's technology solution(s) will take place in March 2019.

BHIT Reporting:

- Grant Expense Report due June 28, 2019

BHIT Funding Procedures:

- The State will distribute a voucher for the total amount.
- Funding will be distributed through the Office of Mental Health.
- Any returned payments will be refunded to the Office of Mental Health