



Calendar

January 9
[Children's SPA/HCBS Designation Webinar](#)

January 11
[Children's SPA/HCBS Designation Office Hours](#)

January 18
[BHIT Webinar](#)

RPC Board Meetings

January 19 – North Country
Crown Plaza, Lake Placid

January 25 – Capital Region
Radisson Hotel, Albany

January 30 – Finger Lakes
Ontario County DSS Building, Canandaigua

January 30 – Mid-Hudson
Dutchess Country Dept. of Mental Hygiene, Poughkeepsie

February 1 – Western
Quality Inn, Batavia

February 6 – Central
Holiday Inn, Liverpool

February 8 – Mohawk Valley
Herkimer DSS, Herkimer

February 9 – Southern Tier
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cornell

February 16 – Tug Hill/Seaway
Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown

February 22 – Long Island
Melville Marriott, Melville

Children's HCBS/SPA Designation Application

Providers who wish to [apply for designation](#) as a [Children's State Plan Amendment](#) (SPA) or [Home and Community Based Services](#) (HCBS) provider during the application's initial roll out period can do so until **April 1, 2017**. Please note that all applicants must obtain an [OMH userID and Facility Code](#) to access the application.

The Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (MCTAC) [held a webinar on](#) January 9, 2017 that provides an overview of the application and designation process. [Office hours](#) were held on January 11, 2017. All further questions regarding the application and designation can be directed to OMH-Childrens-Designation@omh.ny.gov.

Community Mental Health Assessment Reinstatement

The Community Mental Health Assessment which determines Adult BH HCBS eligibility has been reinstated and is back online. Assessments that were completed and hand-scored during the outage are being processed through the CMHA system. In the event that a person's hand-scoring eligibility determination differs from the system scoring eligibility determination, Managed Care Organizations have been instructed to honor the highest-scored eligibility Tier (Tier 1 or Tier 2), regardless of whether it resulted from the hand-scoring or the system scoring. See the attached PowerPoint presentation for more information.

REMINDER: Spending Deadline for HCBS Start-Up Funds

The deadline for BH HCBS providers in Rest of State who received start-up funding after February 1, 2016 is approaching. All funds must be spent by March 31, 2017. NYC providers who received start-up funding should have spent funds by December 31, 2016.

As a reminder, funds must be spent on eligible uses. Also, each grantee must complete the OMH Behavioral Health



Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) Start up Attestation including signatures and receipts documenting expenditures. Unspent funds must be returned to OMH. Please send questions and submit supporting documentation to hcbs_grant@omh.ny.gov.

Provider Trainings for Personalized Recovery-Oriented Services

OMH has [distributed a webinar on Personalized Recovery-Oriented Services \(PROS\)](#) for provider agencies. This 30-minute webinar provides a basic overview of the PROS model as well as a description of the PROS Unit which is used for billing. This recording can be used to train new program staff, agency leadership and can also be shared with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) in an effort to help explain the PROS components, services and billing.

Additional Resources

[Overview of State Services and Adult BH HCBS \(MCTAC webinar\): Information for Care Managers](#)

[Guidance for submitting claims that use an OMH or OASAS unlicensed provider ID](#)

Utilization Management for Ambulatory Health Services

NYS [utilization management guidance](#) for ambulatory behavioral health services has been updated. There is only one change to the prior guidance from September 18, 2015: [Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioner \(LBHP\) services](#) (previously known as “off-site clinic services”) is no longer listed as a separate service requiring prior authorization but is instead included under the outpatient services category and does not require prior authorization.

As stated previously, NYS will allow Medicaid Managed Care Organizations to require concurrent review requests for outpatient mental health office and clinic services following the 30th visit per calendar year. This count should include LBHP services.

New Telepsychiatry Regulations Expand Access to Psychiatric Services

OMH has announced the adoption of new regulations which will expand the availability of psychiatric services in communities throughout New York. The new regulations will allow virtual psychiatry appointments between any providers licensed under Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law, with specific provisions to ensure quality of care and patient



confidentiality. Previous regulations enacted in February 2015 limited the use of telepsychiatry between Article 31 licensed clinics.

Participating providers are required to provide information to prospective clients regarding the usage of telepsychiatry to ensure that clients can make an informed decision about the use of this method of treatment delivery. OMH has also issued guidance to its providers, which includes technological standards to ensure that the equipment allows the psychiatrist to manipulate the camera via pan, tilt, and zoom, in order to better observe the patient’s body language. OMH anticipates further expansion of the regulations to include its use with all licensed providers in an effort to ensure that individuals in all regions of the state will have timely access to behavioral health services.

Read the [newly adopted regulations](#) in their entirety or view a [video demonstration of telepsychiatry](#).

Plan/Provider Roundtables

The 2017 Behavioral Health Managed Care Roundtables for Managed Care Plans and Article 31 and Article 32 providers have been scheduled. Roundtables for NYC and Rest of State are now both held on a monthly basis. The first six roundtables are as follows:

Rest Of State		New York City	
January 10	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	January 17	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
February 7	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	February 14	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
March 7	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	March 14	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
April 4	CANCELLED	April TBD	TBD
May 2	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	May 9	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
June 13	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	June 6	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

RPCs

The New York State Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs) are ready to get started! Board elections have concluded and each RPC Board will hold their first meeting in the coming weeks. The RPCs are where behavioral health providers come together to partner with healthcare companies, managed care organizations, consumers of services and state/local government officials with the shared purpose of building a better system to support people receiving services; a system that is focused on rehabilitation and recovery. If you are not serving on an RPC Board but would like to participate in another capacity, you can [contact your Regional Coordinator](#). To find your [RPC Region](#) and get more information visit the [CLMHD website](#).



As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns related to Behavioral Health Managed Care, please contact one of the NYS Agencies:

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

OMH-Managed-Care@omh.ny.gov
PICM@oasas.ny.gov
managedcarecomplaint@doh.ny.gov

Other Contact Information:

NY Medicaid Choice: 1-855-789-4277

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In the body of the email type: subscribe providers. Do not add a salutation within the body of the email and leave the Subject field empty.