

Public Notice

Temporary Moratorium on Licenses for New CFTSS Providers

December 5, 2025

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is providing public notice that, effective December 31, 2025, OMH will implement a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review and approval of licensing applications for new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) (Part 511.2 - Children's Mental Health Rehabilitative Services (CMHRS)) providers.

This action is being taken because of a recent settlement agreement in which OMH will be embarking upon a transformation of children's mental health services. To meet the requirements of the agreement, OMH will be engaging in a broad effort to modify and strengthen existing services to comply with the standards set forth under the settlement agreement and to better meet the mental health needs of children. One of the service areas that will be most impacted by the changes is the licensed CFTSS program. Please be advised that this moratorium does not impact applications for designation of non-licensed services, Family Peer Support and Youth Peer Support Services or impact expansion or reduction applications of already existing licensed CFTSS programs.

During the temporary moratorium period:

- Existing licensed CFTSS providers may continue to operate their current licensed or designated programs, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, standards of care and conditions of licensure.
- OMH will continue to review Administrative Actions and/or EZ-PAR applications from current, licensed CFTSS providers, as required under regulation, to modify and/or expand any existing CFTSS licensed services, including new sites.
- OMH will not accept any new Comprehensive or EZ Prior Approval Review (PAR) applications from new CFTSS providers under CMHRS, Part 511.2.
- Any pending CPAR or EZ PAR application from applicants seeking to become a licensed CFTSS provider, will be placed on hold until the temporary moratorium is lifted.

OMH anticipates lifting the moratorium following court approval of the Implementation Plan required under the settlement agreement. The estimated length of time for this temporary moratorium is anticipated to be a minimum of one year from the start date of the settlement agreement. This Office will provide public notice of the end of the moratorium prior to resuming acceptance of applications. Information about the settlement agreement can be found at this link: [Proposed Class Action Settlement](https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/childservice/proposed-class-action-settlement.html) or you can insert this URL in your browser: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/childservice/proposed-class-action-settlement.html>. If you have any questions regarding the above, you can contact: ChildrensMHSettlement@omh.ny.gov.