

NYS Children's System Transformation Updates

2nd Quarter 2019



April:

CMS Approval of the New Children's Waiver: The amendment that consolidates and administratively aligns all of New York's six 1915(c) Home and Community Based Medicaid children's waivers into one waiver, which will now be referred to as "The Children's Waiver- NY.4125" is approved effective April 1, 2019.

Criminal History Record Check Extension: The enacted State Budget extends the deadline by which temporary and prospective employees must receive a Criminal History Record Check clearance in order to provide direct care without being under direct supervision by three months to July 1, 2019. Upon signing, the law will be deemed effective April 1, 2019. While the bill awaits signature, the New York State Department of Health is suspending enforcement of the current April 1, 2019 deadline.

Specifically, this applies to those employees providing:

- Health Home Care Management to enrollees less than 21 years of age;
- Health Home Care Management to enrollees with a developmental disability as defined under section 1.03 (22) of the Mental Hygiene Law; and
- Home and Community Based Services to those less than 21 years of age under the 1915c Children's Waiver Amendment.

CHRC slides have also been revised:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/docs/background_check_requirements.pdf

Clarification Regarding UAS HCBS/LOC Eligibility Determination for Children: inaccurate HCBS/LOC have been conducted due to the inability to access the necessary HCBS/LOC forms such as the License Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA), Freedom of Choice and Notice of Determination. In order to assist providers in properly conducting the BS/LOC Eligibility Determination further training will be offered regarding the specific tool in the UAS and forms.

A date will be announced shortly for this additional training, as the HCBS/LOC Eligibility Determination within the UAS will not be accessible until after the training occurs. For those who have begun or completed the HCBS/LOC Eligibility Determination further communication will be sent specifically to those providers regarding next steps.

Updates to the Children's Behavioral Health Transition to Managed Care website: The State has updated several documents on the Children's Behavioral Health Transition to Managed Care website in response to Stakeholder input reflecting approval dates, new timeline dates and additional guidance.

- https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/index.htm

Children's HCBS/LOC Eligibility Determination – Portal: On Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 2:30 pm the Department of Health reviewed how to conduct a HCBS/LOC Eligibility Determination and the necessary documentation.

- [https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/hh_children/docs/hcbs_lo c_determin_webinar.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/hh_children/docs/hcbs_loc_determin_webinar.pdf)

ADHD Condition for Health Home Eligibility: Recently guidance was issued surrounding changes to the Health Home Chronic Condition for Eligibility



- ADHD can be one of two chronic conditions
- ADHD can be utilized as the primary condition for SED, if the functional limitations and the determination of SED has been made by a licensed mental health professional.
- ADHD no longer required that past services within the last three years is needed

Changes to Health Home Serving Children (HHSC) Standards – specific to SED as a single qualifying condition:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/docs/changes_to_hhsc_standards.pdf

Eligibility Requirements: Identifying Potential Members for Health Home Services with list of Chronic Conditions:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/docs/health_home_chronic_conditions.pdf

Release of Children’s HCBS Brochure: NYS is releasing the first in a series of outreach materials on the new Children’s Home and Community Based Services that began on April 1, 2019 through the consolidated 1915(c) Children’s Waiver.

- https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/docs/hcbs_brochure_english.pdf

OLP Evaluation Memo: provided additional clarification regarding evaluations conducted by OLPs within the context of CFTSS.

Memo to CFTSS and HCBS Providers: the memo entitled “Medicaid Provider Enrollment for Individual Practitioners and Designated Agencies” was distributed to children’s CFTSS and HCBS providers on March 8, 2019 clarifying provider enrollment and provider ID reporting for CFTSS and HCBS claims.

HCBS LOC Determination and Documentation Webinar:

The State has developed Forms and Letters mentioned to provide to providers

- [Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts \(LPHA\) Attestation – DOH-5275](#)
- [Freedom of Choice – DOH-5276](#)
- [DRAFT Notice of Decision For Enrollment or Denial of Enrollment in the New York State 1915\(c\) Children’s Waiver](#)
- [DRAFT Notice of Decision For Discontinuance in the New York State 1915\(c\) Children’s Waiver](#)
- Guidance and directions are outlined along with the form on the DOH website

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/1115_waiver_amend.htm

NYS Systems of Care Pilot Monthly Update – April 2019

Building a System of Care Implementation and Expansion Plan: NYS System of Care pilot staff are working with two counties to facilitate the development of a System of Care plan in their communities. This exciting endeavor is bringing together the local provider systems to explore the needs/gaps in the community, conduct an environmental scan of available services, examine access issues and set a vision/mission for the future. We hope to report on some achievements soon.

Wraparound Training and Implementation Institute: Excitement continues to grow regarding the implementation of the High Fidelity Wraparound practice model within Health Homes for Children. If you have questions regarding the Wraparound training, please contact Joanne Trinkle at Joanne.Trinkle@omh.ny.gov.



May:

Statewide Learning Needs Assessment for the CANS-NY Technical Assistance Institute: The NYS Department of Health, Health Homes Serving Children (HHSC) program and Chapin Hall circulated a second statewide learning needs assessment for CANS-NY technical assistance institute in May, 2019 to care managers, supervisors, and other CANS-NY users affiliated with the HHSC program. The Institute will use the information gathered to improve training in the standard use of the CANS-NY, develop targeted training for a deeper understanding of the CANS-NY, and deliver meaningful forms of coaching and assistance for use of the CANS-NY in care management. Examples of resources developed based on last year's information include tip sheets and targeted trainings.

Developmental and Psychological Testing Billing Guidance: The American Medical Association (AMA) updated their Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual for 2019, including changes to the coding for Developmental and Psychological testing.

Providers must ensure that updated coding requirements from the 2019 AMA CPT manual are being utilized when billing MCOs for Developmental and/or Psychological testing. For more information providers can refer to the attached guidance ("Developmental and Psychological Testing Billing Guidance"), and the updated Part 599 Clinic guidance and CPT procedure weight and rate schedule which can be found here:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/clinic_restructuring/projection_tools.html

OMH Specialty Designated Clinic Services for children with SED carving into Medicaid Managed Care on July 1, 2019:

As part of the NYS Medicaid Children's System Transformation, OMH specialty designated clinic services for MMC enrolled children who have met criteria for a serious emotional disturbance (SED) will be carved into the Medicaid Managed Care Plan (MMCP) benefit package. This also includes children who have federal Social Security Insurance disability status or have been determined Social Security Insurance-Related by New York State (SSI children).

A Discussion with Children and Families – In-Person Events: New York State (NYS) invited Children and Families who are participating in the new Medicaid Children's Waiver and/or who are receiving newly available mental health or substance abuse State Plan Services to attend an in-person event. The in-person events will discuss the Children's Medicaid System Transformation, including new Medicaid services and the move to Medicaid Managed Care.

CFTSS Incident Reporting: Webinar and policy released

- https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/cftss_incident_reporting.pdf

Memo Announcing the Implementation of Benefit Changes and Technical Assistance for Providers for:

1. OMH mental health services for SSI children under 21 moving into the Medicaid Managed Care benefit package on July 1, 2019
2. Previously carved-out OMH State Plan services moving into Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package for all enrolled children under 21 on July 1, 2019

University of YOUTH POWER!: On June 22-25, 2019, YOUTH POWER! hosted the sixth annual University of YOUTH POWER! (UYP), a for-youth-by-youth social justice conference that is modeled after a college experience. UYP is the premier for-youth-by-youth social justice conference that is modeled after a college experience. UYP is the premier youth peer leadership conference that provides Youth Peer Advocates and change agents the opportunity to build skills and expand their professional network.

Person-Centered Planning Comprehensive System Transformation Statewide Training Initiative: This training initiative is sponsored by the New York Department of Health to support system transformation and best practices in Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)-compliant person-centered planning throughout the State. The initiative is sponsored



by the Department of Health in partnership with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) and subject matter experts from the New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation, Support Development Associates (SDA), and the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). The initiative will consist of an extensive series of Regional Trainings and Learning Institutes held across the State in 2019 and 2020. The focus of the trainings and institutes will be to grow person-centered thinking, planning, and practice capacity in HCBS covered service systems in the State.

- nydohpcptraining.com/events

Allocation Best Practices Webinar: cover the technical aspects of allocations, including basic principles and provide strategies for tracking expenses.

- https://ctacny.org/sites/default/files/Cost%20allocation%20webinar%205_28.pdf

Children's Aligned HCBS Webinar Series: reviews the HCBS array <https://ctacny.org/childrensystemtransformation>

Family Peer Support as a CFTSS: to be ready for July 1st, providers will need to complete the below activities, not currently required. We encourage you to begin the process of acclimating families and staff of the needed activities that must be completed by June 31, 2019. To assist agencies designated to provide FPS in the transition to the State Plan, please see the below activities that must be complete PRIOR to July 1st.

- **RECOMMENDATION:** Any designated Family Peer Support Provider who is currently serving a family that is Medicaid eligible, regardless of the funding source (State Aid or Medicaid) for the services, will need a LPHA recommendation to demonstrate that the child meets medical necessity criteria no later than June 31, 2019. If a child does NOT meet the medical necessity threshold as determined by the LPHA, and the provider receives State Aid funding for FPSS, the provider may continue to serve the family utilizing their State Aid.
- **TREATMENT PLAN:** For youth whose families/caregivers are currently in FPS through HCBS, the HCBS Service Plan must transition to a CFTSS treatment plan.

For youth whose families/caregivers that are Medicaid eligible, who are currently receiving FPS through State Aid and meet medical necessity as per a LPHA, a treatment plan must developed based on the identified goal for the child.

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SOC Virtual Learning Collaborative: On May 21, staff from AspireHopeNY and Family Resource Network talked about the challenges with balancing the movement of Family/Youth Peer Support Services to Medicaid reimbursement with providing a family or youth voice to local community committees or governance bodies. If you missed the discussion/presentation on Family and Youth Voice in System of Care Governance, please find the link to the recording below.

- <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/lsr.php?RCID=f9024822038f4c799bdf6779f962710>

Did you know?

As part of the Council on Children and Families' Birth through Five (B5) work, the Council is conducting a statewide needs assessment of early care and education in New York State. The Council is looking for feedback from three target audiences: 1) parents and caregivers of children five and younger; 2) early care and education providers; and 3) early care and education administrators and program directors. A link to the survey is here, <http://bitly/NYSB5survey>, as well as below. Please distribute this survey widely. Also, please stay tuned for information about focus groups for parents, teachers, administrators and policy makers that will be held this summer across the state. Association (FREDLA)

- Subscribe to (or unsubscribe from) the NYS Systems of Care Listserv by emailing Angela Keller at angela.keller@omh.ny.gov.



June:

Guidance on Student interns and limited permittees for services by Licensed Practitioners:

This document is intended to answer and clarify the various questions surrounding the role of Student Interns and those with a limited permit within the practice of the new State Plan Services of Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) and Waiver Services of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).

Are student interns approved to deliver CFTSS and HCBS?

Yes, if the student intern is practicing within the scope of the New York State Education law and supervised by a licensed practitioner in that profession they can deliver CFTSS and HCBS.

Can a practitioner with Provisional or Limited License able to deliver CFTSS and HCBS within the scope of their practice?

Yes, if the limited permittee is practicing under the supervision of licensed practitioner in that profession. According to SED: Limited Permits for Psychologists, Mental Health Counselors, Creative Arts Therapists, Marriage and Family Counselors, and Psychoanalysts - the professions listed above require supervised experience toward licensure. This supervised experience must be completed under the auspices of a Limited Permit issued by NYSED (usually issued for a one-year period).

Reminder of State Training Resources from OMH:

- The Community Technical Assistance Center of New York (CTAC) and the Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of New York (MCTAC) – <https://www.ctacny.org/>
- Evidence Based Treatment Dissemination Center (EBTDC) – <https://www.ideas4kidsmentalhealth.org/the-ebtdc.html>
- NYC Early Childhood Mental Health Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) – <http://www.ttacny.org/>
- Center for Practice Innovations (CPI) – <https://www.practiceinnovations.org/>
- New York State Trauma-Informed Network – <https://www.traumainformedny.org/Home>

Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) Provision in a Community Residence (CR): Children/youth residing within an OMH Children's CR* setting can receive most CFTSS services, as long as they have been determined to meet the medical necessity criteria and have a recommendation from a licensed practitioner of the healing arts. There are limitations regarding which CFTSS services CR recipients are eligible to receive.

*A CR is a single site residence that provides group living for six to eight children and or adolescents. The program provides a supervised, therapeutic environment which seeks to develop the resident's skills and capacity to live in the community and attend school/work as appropriate.

- https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/docs/cftss_community_residences.pdf

HCBS Level of Care Eligibility Determination Webinar: for DD and Med Frag & DD in Foster Care Target Populations. This webinar outlined the process and information needed for HHCM and C-YES to work collaboratively with OPWDD DDROs regarding HCBS LOC Eligibility for the two Target Populations of Developmental Disability (DD) and Medically Fragile & DD in Foster Care.

<https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-hcbsloc-eligibility-determination-dd-and-med-frag-dd-foster-care-target>

CFTSS Provider Trainings: July trainings held for CFTSS providers – registration information found in an email sent from CFTSS listserv on 6/21 at 2:35pm. Please contact OMH at dcfs@omh.ny.gov with any questions.



CFTSS Documentation: Provider guidance for health record documentation/requirements/operational considerations and treatment planning.

- https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/docs/cftss_prov_guide_hlth_rec_doc.pdf

CFTSS Recommendation Form: OMH sent an example recommendation form as we approach 7/1 go-live of family peer support as a CFTSS.

- https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/docs/example_lpha_recommendation_memo.pdf

Communication with NYS DOH Capacity Management for the Children's Waiver: All Health Home Care Managers must have secure file transfer. The Health Commerce System Secure File Transfer provides a platform for the exchange of protected health information in a secure format, all correspondence between NYS DOH Capacity Management and HHCM regarding member information and status is required to be communicated through the HCS Secure File Transfer.

CANS-NY Training Announcement: The NYS Department of Health and Chapin Hall are hosting CANS–NY introductory and supervisory trainings across the State in July 2019. As a reminder, it will become a requirement that all Health Home care managers and supervisors attend and participate in CANS-NY In-Person training. * If you are a HHCM and have already attended one general in-person training or a HH supervisor and have already attended one general AND supervisory in-person training, you have met the requirement.

CFTSS Concurrent Review: As a reminder, beginning July 1, 2019, Medicaid managed care plans may begin conducting concurrent review for Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) including Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP), Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST), and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) in compliance with the State-issued utilization management (UM) guidelines for CFTSS. These services became part of the Medicaid managed care benefit package on January 1, 2019. Notifying your contracted Medicaid managed care plans of OLP, CPST, and PSR service provision is crucial during this time in ensuring continued service coverage and successful claims submissions.

- https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/docs/2017-10_utilize_mgmt_guide.pdf
- <https://ctacny.org/sites/default/files/UM%20Authorization%20Grid%203%20CFTSS%20Jan%202019.pdf>
- <https://matrix.ctacny.org/>