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Voluntary Foster Care Agency Managed Care Readiness Funds

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Agenda

- Change in Payment Processes for Managed Care Readiness Funds
- Allowable Expenses and Reporting
- Next Steps



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Readiness Payments will be processed through the Foster Care Per Diem

- All payments for the Managed Care Readiness funds will be processed through the eMedNY system as a rate add on to the current Foster Care Per Diem
- This rate add on will be in effect from 11/1/15 to 3/31/16
- Rate add on = VFCA's approved contract amount / estimated care days over the period 11/1/13 to 3/31/14
- Each agency's allocation amount ***has not*** changed
- Using rate add on to Foster Care Per Diem will streamline and expedite payment of your readiness funds
 - Agencies will not have to submit vouchers



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Readiness Payments will be processed through the Foster Care Per Diem – *Agencies that currently bill the Per Diem*

- Agencies that currently bill the Foster Care Per Diem will continue to follow the current process for submitting claims – there are no changes to the process
- When the rate package is approved and processed, these agencies will receive retroactive payments going back to November 1, and depending on date of approval, prospective payments through 3/31/16



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Readiness Payments will be Processed through the Foster Care Per Diem *Agencies that DO NOT bill the Per Diem*

- According to the Department's information, there are currently 19 agencies that **do not** bill the Foster Care Per Diem
 - 2 of these agencies **only** have MMIS number for B2H and they will need to apply for a NPI number and a new MMIS number
 - 8 of these agencies **do not** have a MMIS number and will need to enroll in the NYS Medicaid Program, some may need to apply for a new NPI number
 - 2 of these agencies have an **inactive** MMIS number, and will have to submit a reactivation application
https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/child_foster_care/index.aspx
 - The remaining 7 agencies will be able to submit claims when the rates are approved and when they receive notification from DOH
- The Department will provide agencies without an MMIS number with additional assistance on how to obtain one
 - Information on the enrollment process can be found at:
https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/child_foster_care/index.aspx



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Next Steps for *Agencies that DO NOT bill the Per Diem*

- Any agency that does not have an MMIS and/or NPI number must obtain these as soon as possible
- Any agency that has an inactive MMIS number must complete the reactivation process as soon as possible
- The Department will schedule a ***separate webinar*** to provide further guidance to the 19 agencies that **do not** currently bill the Foster Care Per Diem
 - The webinar will provide details on obtaining an MMIS and/or NPI number and the claims submission process
 - The Department will reach out to each of the 19 agencies over the next week



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Readiness Payments Information Related to **ALL Agencies**

- The Department will notify all agencies when the rate package is approved and processed through a Dear Administrator Letter
- All allocations must be spent by **June 15, 2016**
- All payments will be reconciled to actual care days for all agencies
- Funding can only be used to support activities directly related to the Medicaid eligible foster care population



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Readiness Payments Information Related to **ALL Agencies**

- ***The Expenditure Budget and Work Plan submitted as part of each agencies' contract will be used to document and support claims for reimbursement of expenses through the per diem***
- Expenses must be in accordance with the items contained in the approved Expenditure Budget and Work Plan
 - Agencies that want to alter their original submission of proposed expenditures must submit a revised Work Plan and Expenditure Budget DIRECTLY to DOH at VFCAManagedCareTrans@health.ny.gov
 - ***You do not need to revise your contract or submit revised work plans and budgets through the Grants Gateway system***



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All Agencies are Required to Submit a Final Readiness Funds Report by **8/15/16**

- Your final report must include details on how your readiness funds were used to achieve the goals set forth in your work plan
 - *The Department will provide agencies a template for the report*
- Reports due on or before **8/15/16**
- Reports submitted to the Department of Health and OCFS at VFCAManagedCareTrans@health.ny.gov



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Please direct any questions to

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This webinar will be posted to the Department of Health website at

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/vfca_mc_readiness_funds.htm