

Health Home Implementation Webinars

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Program Updates



Legacy Rate Extension

An email has been sent out via listserv to notify Health Home community of our plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to extend the legacy rates until January 2015:

Please be advised that the Department of Health will be submitting a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend the legacy OMH and COBRA Targeted Case Management (TCM) Health Home rates until January 2015, which is coincident with the carve-in of the behavioral health care benefit into Managed Care. It is anticipated that legacy providers will continue to bill directly as long as the legacy rates are in effect.

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The email also informs the Health Home community about our intention to modify the Health Home rate structure and implement a new set of transitional rates:

Please also note that the Department has been working with stakeholders to simplify and modify the current Health Home payment structure to better align the per member per month care management fees with the required level of service intensity. We anticipate that this improved rate structure could be implemented prior to January 1, 2015.

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The email includes an acknowledgement that the new rates will support appropriate caseloads and that the Department plans to mandate these transitional rates beyond 2015:

We are working closely with our State Health Home Implementation Partners (The AIDS Institute, OMH, and OASAS) as well as our Health Home Managed Care Organization Workgroup to assure the new rates cover clinically appropriate caseloads. To ensure as smooth as possible transition to Managed Care we further plan to mandate this new rate structure for a period of time beyond 2015.

Legacy rates will remain in place while the SPA is under review by CMS.

Useful Contact Information

- Visit the Health Home website:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/
- Get updates from the Health Homes listserv. To subscribe send an email to: listserv@listserv.health.state.ny.us (In the body of the message, type SUBSCRIBE HHOMES-L YourFirstName YourLastName)
- To email Health Homes, visit the Health Home Website and click on the tab “Email Health Homes”
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/
- Call the Health Home Provider Support Line: 518-473-5569