an acute level of care when the Medicaid member was in an alternate level of care (ALC) status, which has resulted in overpayments to inpatient hospitals.

The New York State (NYS) Department of Health (DOH) Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) has recently identified hospital inpatient billings for children in foster care placement were no longer excluded from New York State (NYS) Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Plans. Although a Medicaid member was in foster care placement, the member may still be eligible for services under the Medicaid Essential Plan (EP) to keep their coverage without requiring an annual eligibility review. To view the official PHE announcement, providers can refer to this month's issue.

In early 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) in response to the monkeypox, as explained on the CDC website. To view information regarding the NY State of Health public education campaign, providers can refer to this month's issue.

The NYS Department of Health (DOH) is working with partners, local districts, and other stakeholders to inform consumers of their options and ways they can enroll in Medicaid. To view information regarding the NYS DOH "Medicaid Perinatal Care Standards" web page, providers can refer to this month's issue.

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