



Subject: Update to Children’s Managed Care Transition Timeline

Dear Stakeholders,

New York State is pleased to provide an update to the Children’s Medicaid System Transformation, including changes to the timeline for managed care. These changes will *not* impact families’ access to the new array of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) or the new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS). The attached timeline summarizes the items discussed below.

CFTSS Transition (No Change)

On January 1, 2019, the State implemented three of the six new CFTSS (Other Licensed Practitioner, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, and Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment) in Managed Care and Fee-For-Service. As of January 31, 2019, waiver agencies completed the crosswalk of historical waiver services to CFTSS in the Plan of Care for waiver children; this was also the last billable date of waiver services that crosswalk to new CFTSS.

The State is on schedule to implement Family Peer Support Services as a State Plan Service in Managed Care and Fee-For-Service on July 1, 2019 as well as Youth Peer Support and Training and Crisis Intervention on January 1, 2020. However, these services will remain available to HCBS enrolled children starting in April 1, 2019 under the Children’s Waiver until they transition to a State Plan service.

Health Home Care Management Transition (No Change)

The transition from waiver care coordination to Health Home Care Management is currently taking place; the transition period is January 1 – March 31, 2019. The State is working with waiver care coordinators to complete this transition for all waiver children.

HCBS Waiver Consolidation (No Change)

The State anticipates CMS approval of the consolidated 1915(c) Children’s Waiver for an implementation date of April 1, 2019. At which time, former 1915(c) waivers will no longer be active, and children in the Children’s Waiver will have access to the full array of HCBS in the Fee-For-Service billing model.

The three-year phase-in of Level of Care expansion will begin on July 1, 2019 as planned.

Services Carved-In to Medicaid Managed Care on July 1, 2019 (No Change from Most Recent Timeline)

The following services are expected to be carved-in to managed care as planned on July 1, 2019:

- Behavioral Health Services already in managed care for adults 21 and older will now be available in managed care for all eligible individuals (e.g. PROS, ACT, etc.)
- OMH licensed SED designated clinics servicing children with SED diagnoses
- SSI children will begin receiving State Plan behavioral health services in managed care



Services Carved-In to Medicaid Managed Care on **October 1, 2019 (This is a Change)**

The Children's Medicaid System Transformation timeline is dependent upon CMS approval of the consolidated 1915(c) Children's Waiver and amendment to the 1115 MRT Waiver. The work between the State and CMS to obtain 1115 MRT Waiver amendment approval is progressing, however the anticipated timeline for 1115 approval necessitates a change to October 1, 2019 from July 1, 2019 for the following components of the Children's Medicaid System Transformation:

- 1915(c) Children's Waiver Services carved-in to managed care
- Children enrolled in the 1915(c) Children's Waiver mandatorily enrolled in Medicaid managed care (remove mandatory Medicaid managed care exemption for participation in a children's 1915(c) waiver)
- Public Health Law Article 29-I Licensure becomes effective for Voluntary Foster Care Agencies (VFCA)
- VFCA core services (residual per diem) and other limited health-related services carve in to Medicaid managed care
- Children placed with VFCA are enrolled in Medicaid managed care

The State appreciates your continued support of the Children's Medicaid System Transformation. If you have any questions regarding these changes to the managed care transition timeline, please contact BH.transition@health.ny.gov.