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511-2 Children's Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (CMHRS) Program

NYS Office of Mental Health

Division of Integrated Services for Children and Families

Presentation for Current CFTSS OLP & CPST Providers

This presentation is intended for current OMH designated agencies for the provision of Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) and Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST).

For provider agencies not currently authorized by OMH for the provision of OLP and CPST, but interested in pursuing for Children's Mental Health Rehabilitative Services (CMHRS) licensure, a future webinar will be offered to assist with the application process.



Agenda

- I. Background
- II. Regulation Overview
- III. Opportunities & Impact
- IV. Application Process
- V. Additional References & Resources



Background



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CFTSS Designation

- Agencies interested in serving the general mental health population were required to apply via the Provider Designation Process.
- Designation is categorized by service and population.
- Given the clinical nature of Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) and Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST), NYS determined these services must be licensed. Therefore, provider agencies were only designated by OMH if they had an existing OMH licensed program while a new regulation was drafted.



CMHRS Purpose

- 511-2 establishes standards for providers who wish to become licensed Children's Mental Health Rehabilitation (CMHRS) programs. CMHRS is a means for implementing CFTS services for children with mental health needs.
- Under the regulation, CFTSS (OLP, CPST, PSR and peer services) form a 'program' for coordination and integration.
- OMH oversight and support



Overview of CMHRS



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Key Features of CMHRS

- OLP and CPST **must** be provided directly by CMHRS Programs
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR), Family Peer Support Service (FPSS) and Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST) are services to be provided directly by the agency or via *agreement* with another agency, designated to provided these services.
 - This structure ensures children and family equitable service access for all CFTSS and integration/coordination of care
- Services remain consistent with CFTSS definitions outlined in the

[Medicaid State Plan Children and Family Treatment and Support Services Provider Manual for Children's Behavioral Health Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment \(EPSDT\) Services or CFTSS Manual](#)



Key Features of CMHRS

- CMHRS requirements are in accordance with previously issued manuals and guidance documents ([CFTSS Billing and Program Manuals, CFTSS: Health Record Documentation Guidance](#))
- CMHRS Programs are required to follow requirements consistent with other established OMH licensed programs, specifically regarding:
 - Application Process
 - Certification (Operating Certificate)
 - Organization and Administration
 - Individual Rights
 - Quality Improvement



Opportunities and Impact



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Enhanced Continuum of Care

- The CMHRS license ensures that each child and family is able to access the same array of services regardless of the provider agency.
- Formal agreements for linkages and referrals foster coordination, collaboration and at times, integration of service delivery across multiple service provider agencies, enhancing quality of care.



Enhanced Continuum of Care

- Agencies are able to develop relationships via *agreement* with more than one designated provider agency to promote family choice and timely service access.
- To further ensure family choice, if a family elects to work with a specific designated provider agency in which the CMHRS program has not developed an agreement, the CMHRS must ensure access to varied provider agencies.



CMHRS Licensure

- CMHRS licensure creates a pathway for existing OLP and CPST providers to continue the provision of these services to the general mental health population and for new provider agencies interested in serving this population to become licensed by OMH.
- If an agency elects to not seek CMHRS licensing, they will be de-designated to serve the general mental health population (for OLP and CPST).



CMHRS Promulgation

- The CMHRS regulation became effective as of July 17, 2019, making OLP and CPST *licensed* services under OMH.
- For the continued provision of these services, existing provider agencies will be required to complete activities to become licensed.

*The activities delineated in this presentation are **only** applicable to current mental health OLP and CPST providers.*



Application Process



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Applying for CMHRS Licensure

- Current OMH licensed agencies designated to provide OLP and CPST to the general mental health population must complete an EZ PAR no later than October 1st.
- CFTSS provider agencies, in accordance with existing designation, must continue the provision of OLP and CPST until EZ PAR activities are complete or no later than October 1, 2019. If a provider agency elects to discontinue the provision of such services prior to October 1st, they must do so via de-designation process (OMH Children's Designation OMH-Childrens-Designation@omh.ny.gov) .

NOTE: There will be no interruption in OLP and CPST service provision during the EZ PAR process.



Completing an EZ PAR

Agencies that have current OMH licensed programs may complete an EZ PAR application to request licensure under Part 511.

- Prior to completing the EZ PAR, the agency should have a consultation* with the local Field Office.
- A Letter of Support from the Local Government Unit (LGU) must be attached before submitting the EZ PAR.
- The EZ PAR is submitted through the Mental Health Provider Data Exchange (MHPD).
- A decision on the application is provided within 30 business days.

**This includes notification to the FO of your intent to complete an EZ PAR or request de-designation.*



Additional Resources



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References & Resources

NYS OMH Division of Integrated Community Services for Children and Families
DCFS@omh.ny.gov

NYS OMH Field Offices

<https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/aboutomh/fieldoffices.html>

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https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/policy_and_regulations/ (Part 511-2)

NYS OMH Prior Approval Review resource page

<https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/par/application.html>



Questions?

Please submit any questions to the dcfs@omh.ny.gov.

Inquiries will be used to develop a FAQs document for common questions and share with the field.



Thank you!



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