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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** OMH Mental Health Providers

**FROM:** The NYS Office of Mental Health, Division of Managed Care

**DATE:** May 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Announcing the Implementation of Benefit Changes and Technical Assistance for Providers for:

- 1) OMH mental health services for SSI children under 21 moving into the Medicaid Managed Care benefit package on July 1, 2019
- 2) Previously carved-out OMH State Plan services moving into Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package for all enrolled children under 21 on July 1, 2019

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Changes in benefit management resulting from the NYS Medicaid Children's System Transformation:

- 1) **OMH outpatient clinic services<sup>1</sup>; Article 28/31 and Article 31 psychiatric Inpatient services; Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) (including Extended Observation Bed); and Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)<sup>2</sup>:** These services are already included in the Medicaid managed care (MMC) benefit package for non-SSI children and will be moved in to the MMC benefit package on July 1, 2019 for enrolled children under 21 who have federal Social Security Insurance disability status or have been determined Social Security Insurance-Related by New York State (SSI children).
- 2) **OMH State Plan services:** The following OMH State Plan services are already in the MMC benefit package for individuals over 21 and on July 1, 2019 will be transitioned into the MMC benefit package for individuals under 21. This includes enrolled children under 21 who have federal Social Security Insurance disability status or have been determined Social Security Insurance-Related by New York State (SSI children).
  - Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
  - Continuing Day Treatment (CDT)<sup>3</sup>
  - Partial Hospitalization
  - Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This includes OMH SED designated clinics, which were previously carved out of MMC for children with SED diagnoses.

<sup>2</sup> CFTSS already included in the Medicaid managed care benefit package are: Other Licensed Practitioner, Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment, and Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

<sup>3</sup> Minimum age is 18 for medical necessity for this adult-oriented service

**3) Family Peer Support Services (FPSS) as a CFTSS:** FPSS is currently available as a Children's Waiver service available only to children enrolled in the 1915c Children's Waiver. On July 1, 2019, FPSS will be available as a CFTSS in Medicaid fee-for-service and in the MMC benefit package. Effective July 1, 2019, designated FPSS providers will bill MMC for all children enrolled in MMC (including SSI children).

OMH providers serving children under 21 who have Medicaid Managed Care will bill for these services using the procedures defined in the [New York State Health and Recovery Plan \(HARP\) / Mainstream Behavioral Health Billing and Coding Manual](#)<sup>4</sup> or the [NYS Children's Health and Behavioral Health Billing Guidance](#)<sup>5</sup>. Additionally, providers of these services will follow all managed care authorization procedures already in place for individuals over 21. These procedures are available at: <https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/policy-guidance.html#utilization>.

OMH wants to ensure providers are prepared to bill Medicaid Managed Care for this population beginning on 7/1/19 and will be providing additional guidance, training, and technical assistance on billing components and procedures leading up to this implementation. Please follow the [Managed Care Technical Assistance Center](#)<sup>6</sup> and the [Children's System Transition listserv](#)<sup>7</sup> for announcements.

Questions can be directed to [OMH-Managed-Care@omh.ny.gov](mailto:OMH-Managed-Care@omh.ny.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/harp-mainstream-billing-manual.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral\\_health/children/billing.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/billing.htm)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.ctacny.org/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/listserv/childserv.html>