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To: Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs) and Children's SED Clinics

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Subject: Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Children's Carve-in Waiver

On July 1, 2019, the NYS Office of Mental Health's (OMH) licensed specialty clinics for children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) were carved into Medicaid Managed Care.

Effective as of July 1, 2019, and in accordance with 14 NYCRR 501, OMH is waiving certain regulatory provisions within 14 NYCRR 599 so that all designated licensed specialty clinics serving Medicaid Managed Care Plan enrolled children with an SED diagnosis must be reimbursed by Medicaid Managed Care Plans for these services.

The OMH regulatory provisions within 14 NYCRR Sections 599.5 and 599.14 that will be waived are:

- 599.5(l) A clinic treatment program designated by the office as a specialty clinic serving children shall be authorized to be reimbursed by Medicaid on a fee-for-service basis for providing clinic treatment services to children with a serious emotional disturbance up to but not including their 19th birthday, notwithstanding the child's enrollment in a Medicaid managed care program.
- 599.14(h) (2) Specialty clinics providing procedures to children with a serious emotional disturbance enrolled in Medicaid managed care may be paid Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement for those procedures.

It is important to note this waiver applies to all designated licensed specialty clinics that serve children with a SED diagnosis. This waiver is effective July 1, 2019 and is valid until the above Sections of 14 NYCRR 599 have been amended and promulgated.

If you have any questions, please contact OMH-Managed-Care@omh.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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