

System Transformation Update

2 Guidance Documents

Recently released guidance:

- [Care Management Requirements for HCBS Eligible Children](#) and
- [Medicaid Status Impact on HCBS Eligible Children](#)

Supporting Webinar:
[Understanding Care Management Requirements and Medicaid Status Impact Regarding HCBS Eligible Children/Youth](#)

Other Guidance:

- [Children's Waiver EMOD, VMOD, AT and LDSS Contact List](#)
- [Children's HCBS POC Workflow Policy](#) and supporting forms
- [Health Home Monitoring: Reportable Incidents Policies and Procedures](#)

[Department of Health website](#)



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Resource: Care Manager HCBS Quick Reference Guide

Thank you for providing feedback on the Children's Transformation. Based on your recommendations, the changes on page 2 are pending CMS approval!

1 Children's Transformation Timeline Update

Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) — Two CFTSS go into effect: *Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST)* and *Crisis Intervention (CI)*. [Rate schedules for YPST and Family Peer Support and Services \(FPSS\)](#) have been updated to reflect rate enhancements for a limited time to encourage increased provider capacity for these services.

Foster Care — The Voluntary Foster Care Agency (VFCA) Medicaid Managed Care transition date has been moved to July 1, 2020 to ensure a smooth and effective transition. Components that will take effect on July 1, 2020 include: Public Health Law Article 29-I for VFCAs, Core Limited Health Related Services and Other Limited Health Related Services provided by Article 29-I VFCAs added to the Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package, and children/youth placed in foster care with a VFCA are no longer excluded from enrollment in Medicaid Managed Care.

Current Timeline	Date
CFTSS YPST and Crisis Intervention services goes into effect	Jan. 2020
Foster Care Population and VFCA Benefits Transition to Medicaid Managed Care*	7/1/2020

*Dates subject to timely CMS approvals

3 Webinars & FAQs

- [Understanding Care Management Requirements and Medicaid Status Impact Regarding HCBS Eligible Children/Youth](#): reviews guidance and provides clarification regarding HCBS requirements for care managers to ensure HCBS eligible children/youth obtain the services as required to maintain waiver eligibility and discusses information regarding Medicaid eligibility related to the 1915(c) Children's Waiver and the recently approved 1115 waiver – including eligibility for “*Family of One*” children/youth.
- [Capacity Management Refresher](#): updates and reminders regarding the capacity management process for HCBS, highlighting the importance that Health Home care managers communicate with the Capacity Management Team.
- [Children's HCBS Plan of Care \(POC\) Workflow and Service Authorization](#): review of HCBS POC Workflow Policy and Service Authorization for HCBS as a Managed Care benefit – including communication between service providers, care managers, and MCOs.
- [Preparing for Managed Care for Youth Peer Support and Training \(YPST\) Providers](#): provides a service overview, discusses managed care billing and contracting, and reviews medical necessity/UM, referrals, and recommendations for YPST.

Children's Medicaid Health and Behavioral Health System Transformation Update

Did you know?

The [NYS Children's Health and Behavioral Health Services Billing and Coding Manual](#) was updated on October 22, 2019

Starting in January 2020 the [Children's HCBS Provider Manual](#) and the [CFTSS Provider Manual](#) will be updated quarterly to incorporate any new guidance, policies, resources, or clarifications – making them the best resources for information related to the Children's Transformation

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4 Your Solutions in Action

Thank you providers, care managers, families, and all stakeholders! Please continue to send suggestions and solutions to BH.Transition@health.ny.gov. Based on your recommendations, the following staff and supervisor qualifications are pending CMS approval:

Guidance documents will be updated and formal notification of these changes will be made, if they are approved.

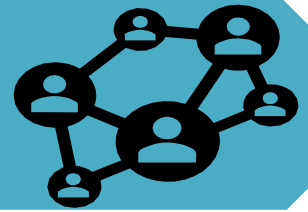
CFTSS

- **Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST):** *additional allowable staff qualification* - practitioners with a bachelor's degree and three years of applicable experience in a related human services field may perform any of the CPST activities
- **Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST):** *additional allowable supervisor qualification* – Licensed Masters Social Workers may provide supervision
- **Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR):** *reduced staff qualifications* – practitioners must have a minimum of one (originally three) years' experience in children's mental health, addiction, foster care, or in a related human service field
- **Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR):** *additional allowable supervisor qualification* – Licensed Masters Social Workers may provide supervision
- **Family Peer Support (FPS):** *reduced supervisor qualifications* – individuals must have a minimum of three (originally four) years' experience providing FPS services, at least one year of which is as a credentialed Family Peer Advocate with access to clinical consulting as needed
- **Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST):** *reduced supervisor qualifications* – individuals must have a minimum of three (originally four) years of direct YPST service experience with access to clinical consultation as needed OR a credentialed Family Peer Advocate with three (originally four) years of experience providing FPS that has been trained in YPST services and the role of the Youth Peer Advocate

HCBS: Children's Waiver

- **Respite:** *revised supervisor qualifications* – in an OPWDD-certified setting, supervisors in the provision of Respite in the Children's Waiver must have over 3 years' experience in the certified setting and such provision is under the oversight of a licensed professional, Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP), or a master's level professional in a Behavioral Health field.
- **Palliative Care – Bereavement and Expressive Therapies:** *added generic provider agency qualifications* – practitioners must work within a child serving agency or agency with children's behavioral health and health experience, designated through the NYS Children's Provider Designation Review Team to provide the services referenced in the definition. This requires agencies to have the appropriate licenses, certification, and/or approval in accordance with State designation requirements by OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH.





Home and Community Based Services

Quick Reference Guide for Care Managers to access HCBS guidance, manuals, rates and other important information

Prepare to Meet with Child/Family

Discuss Child/Youth Needs

Is the Child/Youth HCBS Eligible?

What HCBS would be beneficial?

What HCBS providers can you refer to?

Follow-Up with Provider Referral

Update POC

Prepare to Meet with Child/ Youth/Family	As a Care Manager, where can I find helpful materials to educate myself BEFORE meeting with the child/youth/family to discuss HCBS?
HCBS Provider Manual	FINAL Home and Community Based Services Provider Manual (PDF) – April 1, 2019
HCBS Services Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregiver/Family Supports and Services, Community Self-Advocacy Training and Supports, and Respite: https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-aligned-hcbs-series-webinar-1-caregiverfamily-supports-and-services-community Prevocational Employment and Supported Employment: https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-aligned-hcbs-series-webinar-2-prevocational-employment-and-supported-employment Community Habilitation, Day Habilitation, and Palliative Care Services: https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-aligned-hcbs-series-webinar-3-community-hab-day-hab-and-palliative-care Adaptive and Assistive Equipment, Vehicle Mods, Environmental Mods, and Non-Medical Transportation: https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-aligned-hcbs-series-webinar-5-adaptive-and-assistive-equip-vehicle-mods Interim HCBS: Family Peer Supports, Youth Peer Supports and Training, and Crisis Intervention: https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-aligned-hcbs-series-webinar-4-fpss-ypst-and-ci-interim-hcbs
Discuss Child/Youth Needs	I have a Child/Youth who is interested in HCBS, where can I find helpful materials to discuss with the child/youth/family to educate them on HCBS?
HCBS Brochure	Children's Home and Community Based Services Brochure (PDF) – April 17, 2019 (Translations coming soon)
HCBS Consumer Web Page	Direct a parent to the Information for Consumers/Medicaid Recipients page: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/info.htm
Children/Family Webinar	The Children's Health and Behavioral Health System Transformation in NY, Children/Family Webinar, Feb. 26, March 21, 2019: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/docs/childrens_transformation_slides_for_consumers_3_21_19.pdf
Managed Care Complaints?	1-800-206-8125 or email: managedcarecomplaint@health.ny.gov
Is the Child/Youth HCBS Eligible?	How do I determine if the child/youth is eligible for HCBS? Once eligibility is determined, how does the child/youth enroll in the Children's Waiver?
REVIEWING HCBS Level of Care (LOC) Eligibility Determination	Children's Aligned HCBS LOC Eligibility Determination – April 23, 2019 (PDF)
Eligibility Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom of Choice – DOH-5276 (PDF) Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) Attestation – DOH-5275 (PDF) Childhood Medical Disability Report – DOH-5151 (PDF)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire of School Performance – DOH-5152 (PDF) • Description of Child’s Activities – DOH-5153 (PDF) • Disability Review Team Certificate – DOH-5144 (PDF)
Notice of Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Decision For Enrollment or Denial of Enrollment in the New York State 1915(c) Children’s Waiver (PDF) • Notice of Decision For Discontinuance in the New York State 1915(c) Children’s Waiver (PDF)
Children and Youth Evaluation Services (C-YES)	<p>The Children and Youth Evaluation Service (C-YES) is a statewide program that determines whether a child/youth (under age 21) is eligible for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for children who do not currently have Medicaid or for children who opt-out of the Health Home Serving Children’s program. To make a referral or learn more information – C-YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-YES Referral Form Instructions (PDF) – April 18, 2019 <p>C-YES is available to answer any questions you may have about HCBS and/or our services. Call C-YES at 1-833-333-CYES (1-833-333-2937). TTY: 1-888-329-1541.</p>
Plan of Care	How do I develop and maintain the HCBS Plan of Care (POC)?
Children’s HCBS Planning and Plan of Care Development	https://ctacny.org/training/childrens-hcbs-planning-and-plan-care-development
HCBS Service Plan Guidance	HCBS Service Plan under the 1915c Children’s Waiver (PDF) – May 15, 2019
Additional Resources	Who do I contact if I have questions?
Email for Questions you have for the State related to HCBS	Children’s Behavioral Health Transition Mailbox: BH.Transition@health.ny.gov
Capacity Management Email	Capacitymanagement@health.ny.gov
Behavioral Health Managed Care Email	OMH-Managed-Care@OMH.ny.gov
Managed Care Email (for general managed care questions)	omcmail@health.ny.gov
Children’s Health Home Questions	hhsc@health.ny.gov