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TO: Health Homes Serving Children (HHSC),
Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) Providers, and
Children’s Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Providers:

RE: Changes Regarding Children Services Rates

This notice is to clarify recent changes to Medicaid rates for children/youth services, as a result of the SFY 2020-21 Enacted Budget and to explain the impact of Across the Board (ATB) reductions to Medicaid payments on children/youth services. These rates are considered draft rates until approved by the Division of Budget and/or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

CFTSS Rates

Child and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) rates are exempt from the ATB reductions. In addition, the SFY 2020-21 Enacted Budget extended the 11% rate adjustment for CFTSS through March 31, 2022 to continue support for providers implementing these services.

To aid with the transition of these services as Medicaid benefits under the State Plan Amendment, a 25% rate adjustment was applied for the first six months post-implementation for each service. The rate adjustment stepped down to 11% for the second six-month period after implementation, and the base rate was effective one-year post-implementation. Pending approval by the Division of Budget and CMS, the 11% rate adjustment will be extended for CFTS services for the effective dates listed in the following chart:

Dates of Service for which the CFTSS Rates Adjustment and Base Rates Apply

Service	25% rate adjustment	11% rate adjustment	Base rate	Link to Rates
Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST) Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)	1/1/19 – 6/30/19	7/1/19 – 12/31/19 and 4/1/20 – 3/31/22	1/1/20 – 3/31/20 and 4/1/22 and beyond	OLP, CPST, PSR Link
Family Peer Support Services (FPSS)	7/1/19 – 12/31/19	1/1/20 – 3/31/22	4/1/22 and beyond	FPSS Link
Youth Peer Support (YPS) Crisis Intervention (CI)	1/1/20 – 6/30/20	7/1/20 – 3/31/22	4/1/22 and beyond	YPS Link CI Link

Providers will be able to claim the rate adjustment for the indicated periods via Medicaid Fee-for-Service or Medicaid Managed Care.

HCBS Rates

Children's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) payments are exempt from the ATB Medicaid Payment Reductions. The draft amendment to the 1915(c) Children's Waiver that is posted at https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/docs/proposed_hcbs_waiver_%20NY.4125.R05.09_effective_sept_2020.pdf will be revised accordingly prior to submission to CMS.

HHSC Rates

HHSC FFS payments are subject to the ATB Medicaid Payment Reductions of 1% effective for dates of service between January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 and subject to the 1.5% reduction effective for an April 1, 2020 date of service. Effective April 2, 2020 HHSC FFS payments are exempt from the ATB Medicaid Payment Reductions.

Additional information regarding the ATB Medicaid Payment Reductions is available on the DOH website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/pmt_reductions/atb/index.htm

As a reminder, Medicaid Managed Care Plans are mandated to pay State rates for these services and should refer to the May 27, 2020 notice *Reminder: State Mandated Provider Rates vs MMC ATB* from NYSDOH.

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Questions should be submitted to BH.Transition@health.ny.gov.