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# Implementing Medicaid Behavioral Health Reform in New York

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## Agenda

- Purpose of Behavioral Health Managed Care Transition
- Behavioral Health Managed Care Program Design and Timeline
- NYC and ROS BH HCBS Designation Status
- HARP Enrollment
- Billing and Coding Manual
- Provider Contracting Guidance
- Empowerment Services-Peer Supports
- Self-directed Care Pilot



# Medicaid Redesign Team: Objectives

- Fundamental restructuring of the Medicaid program to achieve:
  - Person centered recovery oriented care
  - Measurable improvement in health outcomes
  - Sustainable cost control
  - More efficient administrative structure
  - Support better integration of care



## Federal Approval of Behavioral Health Managed Care Design

- On December 31, 2013 New York State requested approval to bring Behavioral Health services into Medicaid Managed Care through the submission of an amendment to NYS Section 1115 Demonstration "Partnership Plan."
- CMS notified NYS of its approval in July 2015 to incorporate Behavioral Health services into Managed Care.



# Behavioral Health Managed Care Design

- Behavioral Health will be managed by:
  - Qualified Health Plans meeting rigorous standards (perhaps in partnership with a BHO)
    - All Plans MUST qualify to manage currently carved out behavioral health services and populations
    - Plans can meet State standards internally or contract with a BHO to meet State standards
  - Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) for individuals with significant behavioral health needs
    - Plans may choose to apply to be a HARP with expanded benefits



# Mainstream Plan vs. HARP

## Mainstream Managed Care Plan

- Medicaid Eligible
- Benefit includes Medicaid State Plan covered services
- Organized as Benefit within MCO
- Management coordinated with physical health benefit management
- Performance metrics specific to BH
- BH annual expenditure minimum

## Health and Recovery Plan

- Specialized integrated product line for people with significant behavioral health needs
- Eligible based on utilization or functional impairment
- Enhanced benefit package - All current PLUS access to HCBS to help individuals meet their goals (employment, independent living, education, etc.)
- Specialized medical and social necessity/ utilization review for expanded recovery-oriented benefits
- Benefit management built around higher need HARP patients
- Enhanced care coordination - All in Health Homes
- Performance metrics specific to higher need population and HCBS
- Integrated medical loss ratio



## Adult Behavioral Health Managed Care Implementation Timeline

### NYC

- October 1, 2015 – Mainstream Plans and HARP's implement non-HCBS behavioral health services for enrolled members
- January 1, 2016 – BH HCBS begin for HARP population

### Rest of State (ROS)

- MCOs submit ROS Adult RFQ application- due September 18, 2015
- April 1, 2016 – First Phase of HARP Enrollment Letters Distributed
- July 1, 2016 – Mainstream Plan Behavioral Health Management and Phased HARP Enrollment Begins



# Implementation Schedule of the Key Elements of Children’s Medicaid Redesign Plan (the “How”)

Anticipated Schedule for Implementing Children’s Medicaid Redesign Plan	
<p><b>Health Homes for Children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrollment begins for Eligible Children, OMH TCM Program Transitions to Health Home</li> <li><b>Opportunity: CAH I &amp; II providers may provide care management for children not enrolled in waivers</b></li> </ul>	January 1, 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Transition Care Coordination Service of CAH I &amp; II</b>, and other 1915c Waiver Programs to Health Home (OMH SED, OCFS B2H)</li> </ul>	January 1, 2017
<p>Expanded Array of State Plan Services for <b>All Children</b></p>	Early in 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition existing Behavioral Health Benefits to Managed Care</li> <li>Transition Foster Care Children (those which are currently subject to Agency Based Medicaid Per Diem) to Managed Care</li> <li>Expand Array of Home and Community Based Services</li> </ul>	<p>January 1, 2017 (NYC and Long Island)</p> <p>January 1, 2017 (NYC and Long Island), July 1, 2017 (ROS)</p> <p>July 1, 2017</p>
<p><b>Maintain Access to Services for Children without Medicaid/Family of One-continues for LOC children with 2017 transition; begins for Level of Need children in 2018</b></p>	



# NYC Plan Designation - Status

- In June 2014 10 NYC MCOs submitted Behavioral Health Request for Qualification application
- Final qualification pending successful completion of Readiness Review
  - Desk Review (in progress)
  - On-Site Review have been completed for all 10 Plans
- Final Designation for 6 HARPs with MCOs awarded July 2015
  - Approx. 85% of HARP eligible individuals in NYC in Plans with a HARP
- Final Designation for 2 Mainstream MCOs without HARPs and 3 HIV-SNPs awarded August 2015



# Behavioral (SUD and MH) Health State Plan Services-Adults

- Inpatient - SUD and MH
- Clinic – SUD and MH
- Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS)
- Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment (IPRT)
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Continuing Day Treatment
- Partial Hospitalization
- Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP)
- Opioid treatment
- Outpatient chemical dependence rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation Services for Residents of Community Residences  
(Not in the benefit package in year 1)



## New services added to Medicaid Managed Care

- **New Mental Health Services**
  - Licensed Mental Health Practitioner Services
  - Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention
- **New Substance Use Disorder Services**
  - Residential Redesign - Three phases: OASAS Intensive Residential, Community Residential, Supportive Living and Medically Monitored Detox
  - Reassignment of SUD clinic to State Plan “Rehab Option” to permit off-site delivery of services



## Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) for HARP enrollees and HARP eligible HIV-SNP enrollees

- Rehabilitation
  - Psychosocial Rehabilitation
  - Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST)
- Habilitation
- Respite
  - Short-Term Crisis Respite
  - Intensive Crisis Respite
- Educational Support Services
- Individual Employment Support Services
  - Prevocational
  - Transitional Employment Support
  - Intensive Supported Employment
  - On-going Supported Employment
- Peer Supports
- Support Services
  - Family Support and Training
  - Non- Medical Transportation
- Self Directed Services Pilot (under development)



# NYC BH HCBS Providers

- NYS has designated (i.e., “approved”) 172 providers in NYC, including applicants serving MH and SUD populations
- NYC Designated provider list shared with Plans
- NYS HCBS provider oversight process under development
- Providers need to contract with Plans to get HCBS business



# Rest of State BH HCBS Designation Process

- The BH HCBS application is available on the OMH website and application were due 9/14/2015
  - <http://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/guidance/hcbs/html/services-application/>
- Providers must complete an application to be identified as a “State designated BH HCBS provider” for each service they plan to deliver
- A provider attestation form is required, indicating that the provision of the service is consistent with the standards included in the BH HCBS provider manual
- OMH/OASAS will compile a list of all providers that have completed an application and attested to meeting the service standards
- In order to retain their “BH HCBS designation” providers must demonstrate on-going staff development competency for certain services



# HARP Enrollment

- All HARP eligible individuals identified by the state will be offered an opportunity to enroll into a HARP
- HARP eligible members will be passively enrolled in a HARP if they are enrolled in a Plan which offers a HARP
  - Will not need to take action to enroll in a HARP
  - Have 30 days to opt out or select another HARP
- HARP-eligible Individuals not in plans with a HARP must actively choose to enroll in a HARP
- Once enrolled in a HARP, members are allowed 90 days to choose another HARP or return to Medicaid Managed Care
- After 90 days, they are locked into the HARP for 9 additional months (after which they are free to change Plans at any time)
- HARP eligible individuals enrolled in an HIV-SNP will be able to remain in their Plan and receive HARP benefits or switch to HARP



# HARP, Health Home and BH HCBS

- All HARP members will be offered Health Home care management services
- All HARP members will be annually assessed for eligibility for BH Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). The comprehensive assessment will utilize the “interRAI”
- The Community Mental Health (CMH) suite of the interRAI has been customized for NYS and includes:
  - Brief Assessment to determine HARP and BH HCBS eligibility
  - Full Assessment to identify needs and assist in the development of a care plan
  - Health Homes will conduct the NYS Community Mental Health Assessment
- Health Homes will develop person-centered care plans that integrate physical and behavioral health service and include BH HCBS





# Billing and Coding Manual

- Received Federal approval for NYC HCBS rates
- Billing Manual posted on the OMH website:
  - <http://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/billing-services.html>
- Tracking HCBS service limits will be by calendar year



# Provider Contract Guidance

- New York State (NYS) is incorporating several key provisions into the Medicaid Managed Care Model contract that address:
  - Ensuring Medicaid Managed Care plans establish adequate behavioral health provider networks;
  - Promoting financial stability through payment and claiming requirements; and
  - Supporting access to and removing barriers to mental health treatment and recovery services.



# Contract Requirements and Statute

- **BH Self-referrals**-Enrollees may obtain unlimited self-referrals for mental health and Substance Use Disorder assessments from participating providers without requiring preauthorization or referral from the enrollee's Primary Care Provider.
- **Ambulatory Patient Groups (APG) Fee for Service Rate Mandate** - Government rates for 24 months from effective date of BH inclusion.
- **Continuity of Care Requirements** - 2 year continuity of care language affirms plans must permit enrollees to continue receiving services from their current provider(s) for "Continuous Behavioral Health Episodes of Care."



# Contract Requirements and Statute

- **BH Pharmacy Access** - pharmacy services include immediate access / no prior authorization language for BH prescribed drugs 72 hour supply generally; and 7 day supply for prescribed drug or medication associated with the management of opioid withdrawal and / or stabilization.
- **Primary Care in OMH Programs /PCPs** - The enrollee must choose or be assigned a specific provider or provider team within the clinic to serve as his/her PCP.
- **5 or more for members** - plans must offer to contract with any OMH or OASAS providers with five or more active plan members.



# Contract Requirements and Statute

- **All Products Clause**-Plans are prohibited from requiring BH providers to participate in non-Medicaid lines of business
- **Smoking Cessation**-members with one or more substance use disorders or mental illness(s) may be allowed to access unlimited courses of smoking cessation products
- **Long Acting Injectables**- Plans may not require prior authorization of typical long acting antipsychotics



# Empowerment Services – Peer Supports

- Peer-delivered services with a rehabilitation and recovery focus.
- Designed to promote skills for coping with and managing behavioral health symptoms to achieve recovery.
- Activities included must be intended to achieve the identified goals or objectives as set forth in the participants individualized recovery plan.
- Emphasize the opportunity for peers to support each other in the restoration and expansion of the skills and strategies necessary to move forward in recovery.



# Consumer Outreach

- HARP enrollment notification letters being sent out and will continue to be mailed through December
- Consumer education materials under development in partnership with community advocates and State partners
  - Fact Sheets
  - Information Flyers
  - Webinars
- Forums in NYC were held on July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Next forum scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> (two sessions)
- Additional outreach to be conducted for ROS beginning 2016



# Peer Support Components to Help Individuals Meet Their Goals

- Advocacy
- Outreach and Engagement
- Self-help tool
- Recovery Supports
- Transitional Supports
- Pre-crisis and Crisis Supports





# What is Self-Directed Care?

Funds ordinarily paid to service provider agencies are controlled by service recipients

1. Participants develop person-centered recovery plans
2. They then create individual budgets allocating dollar amounts to achieve the plan's goals
3. Staff called "Support Brokers" are available to help people purchase services & goods named in their plans
4. Fiscal intermediary provides financial management services



# Self Directed Care

- SDC will be piloted under the 1115 waiver
- 2 – 6 pilot sites will be established
- Projected start date for pilot is 7/16
- A formal evaluation will be conducted on the results of the pilot
- Based on the results of the evaluation a final program design will be established
- The SDC benefit will be brought into the 1115 waiver as a benefit



# Self Directed Care Funding

- Individual budgets are set at levels no higher than the system's current expenditures for traditional outpatient services
- Use an average (e.g., average annual outpatient expenditure)
- Individualized amount based on cost of participant's outpatient treatment

