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To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
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YES Comprehensive Waiver Providers
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From: Trina Ita MA, Director 
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Re: Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Eligibility: Children in Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Conservatorship

Purpose:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) formally approved the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver amendment extending eligibility to children and adolescents in Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) conservatorship. The amendment became effective July 10, 2016.

This amendment includes the following additional changes that impact program operations:

- Removes the "point in time" enrollment limitation. The enrollment limitation is now based on an "unduplicated count" (unique individuals served) during the full waiver year.
- Adds a "reserved capacity group" for children and adolescents who are at imminent risk of relinquishment to DFPS conservatorship.

Contact

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