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To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
Executive Directors
Children's Mental Health Directors
Behavioral Health Directors
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

From: Trina Ita, Director 
Medical and Social Services Division, Behavioral Health Services Section

Re: YES Waiver: Uniform Assessment for Children in Department of Family and Protective Services Conservatorship

Purpose:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the inclusion of children in Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) conservatorship, effective July 10, 2016. Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) currently prevents a deviation to the Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) level of care designed for YES waiver participants (LOC-YES) when "Foster Care" is selected on the Child and Adolescent Uniform Assessment (UA).

Guidance:

Data collection related to children in DFPS conservatorship relies on Medicaid Type not the UA.

YES has requested an amendment to CMBHS business rules to negate the impact of the selection of "Foster Care." While awaiting this change, local mental health authorities are directed to do the following when completing a UA for a child in DFPS conservatorship interested in YES:

- Do not select the Foster Care box
- Denote a child is in DFPS conservatorship by:
 - Selecting "Foster Care" as the "Primary Residence Type"
 - Adding a comment to the Notes section as follows:
 - *"Child is in Foster Care. Foster Care box has not been selected at the direction of HHSC for the purpose of accessing YES clinical eligibility documents."*

Contact

For questions regarding the YES Waiver, please contact Jennifer Martinez at JenniferM.Martinez@hhsc.state.tx.us or (512) 838-4358.