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Youth Empowerment Services Comprehensive Waiver Providers

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Subject: Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver General Revenue to Medicaid Transition

YES Waiver Amendment 8

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) formally approved Amendment 8 to the YES Waiver. Amendment 8 makes the YES Waiver a statewide Medicaid program. This approval means that comprehensive provider contracts for local service areas being fully funded with State general revenue (i.e., Program ID: MH/YESPROVGR) will transition to a YES Medicaid waiver-funded contract (i.e., Program ID: MH/YESPROV). The process for this transition and contractual impact is outlined in detail below, and its programmatic impact is discussed within Behavioral Health Program Broadcast Message #228.

Contract Transition Overview and Timeline

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be moving to terminate/cancel all MH/YESPROVGR (i.e., General Revenue funded) contracts effective March 31, 2016. The MH/YESPROVGR contracts will be replaced with a MH/YESPROV (i.e., Medicaid funded) contract with an effective date of April 1, 2016. Therefore, in order to receive payment for YES Waiver services effective April 1, 2016, comprehensive providers must have:

1. A Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN or EIN), and a National Provider Identifier (NPI) with applicable healthcare provider taxonomy codes; and
2. A Texas Medicaid enrollment approval letter from the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) that includes your Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) number(s).

Important dates and activities related to the transition are as follows:

1. On or around March 1, 2016, DSHS will send comprehensive providers with MH/YESPROVGR contracts a contract termination/cancellation letter. The termination/cancellation effective date for these contracts will be March 31, 2016.
2. On March 31, 2016, DSHS will host a web-based training focused on the steps that LMHAs will have to take in Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) to transition youth from enrollment under a MH/YESPROVGR contract, to enrollment under a

MH/YESPROV contract. Specific training dates/times and registration information will be distributed directly to CMBHS Security Administrators and to the YES Waiver Distribution List. Each comprehensive provider will be encouraged to participate in the web-based training.

3. On April 1, 2016, new MH/YESPROV contracts or amended (i.e., counties added to local service area) MH/YESPROV contracts will be effective. This means that all YES Waiver services provided on or after April 1, 2016, shall be entered and claimed in CMBHS under a MH/YESPROV contract.
4. On April 4, 2016, DSHS will deploy transfer functionality in CMBHS that will allow comprehensive providers to complete the transition of youth from enrollment under a MH/YESPROVGR contract, to enrollment under a MH/YESPROV contract.
5. On April 4, 2016, all comprehensive providers will be able to submit claims for YES Waiver services provided under MH/YESPROV contracts for services provided to youth who have been enrolled under a MH/YESPROV contract. Please note that comprehensive providers will have ninety-five (95) days from the date of service to submit claims and be paid for services under a MH/YESPROV contract.
6. On or before May 15, 2016, comprehensive providers must submit all claims for services provided under the MH/YESPROVGR contracts via CMBHS. These claims should only be for YES Waiver services with service dates on or before March 31, 2016. Please note that claims must be submitted prior to transitioning youth from enrollment under a MH/YESPROVGR contract, to enrollment under a MH/YESPROV contract.

For questions regarding YES Waiver Amendment 8, or on the YES Waiver in general, please contact Jennifer Martinez at JenniferM.Martinez@dshs.state.tx.us or (512) 838-4358.

For questions regarding the termination/cancellation of MH/YESPROVGR contracts and the distribution of MH/YESPROV contracts, please contact your assigned contract manager.