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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 MA, Director
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section II

Re: Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Participant Enrollment Period Policy Update

Purpose:

The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver was designed to give the child (Participant) access to YES specific services for 365 days. This time period begins once the Participant is "enrolled."

Enrollment Defined:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) enrolls the participant by approving the Initial Clinical Eligibility (CE). Enrollment begins on the date the Initial CE in "closed complete" status in CMBHS. This date will not be backdated.

Individuals are not enrolled in YES until they have a Medicaid number.

Impact:

YES services cannot be provided without an authorization from TMHP. The TMHP authorization will not occur retroactively—prior to the date of the participant's enrollment. YES services provided without an authorization cannot be reimbursed.

Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) are encouraged to provide Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) services to the individual awaiting enrollment in YES, pending Medicaid.

Contact

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