

New York State Children's
Health and Behavioral
Health (BH) Services –
Children's Medicaid System
Transformation Guidance for
the Transitional Period
January 1, 2019 – January 1,
2020

Introduction

The New York State Department of Health (DOH), Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) are initiating a Children's Health and Behavioral Health System Transformation. The implementation of the new services and the transition to benefits and populations to Managed Care including the Children's Transformation will be phased in, beginning on January 1, 2019, and will include the transition of selected children's benefits to Medicaid Managed Care. The Children's Transformation is subject to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) approvals and State approvals, and the timing of these approvals. Thus, the effective dates referred to in this document may be updated accordingly.

For information about how the Children's Health and Behavioral Health System Transformation transition will be implemented, please reference the [Transition Plan for the Children's Medicaid System Transformation](#).

Purpose

This guidance is a supplement to the [New York State Health and Behavioral Health \(BH\) Services – Children's Medicaid System Transformation Billing and Coding Manual](#), for the period of January 1, 2019 until January 1, 2020, and outlines the requirements necessary to ensure proper claim submission for services only during the time period specified. This guidance addresses:

- The billing for care coordination service now provided under each of the six existing children's 1915(c) waivers that will transition to Health Home beginning January 1, 2019.
- The billing transition for services moving from one of the six 1915c waivers to the Medicaid State Plan authority for Children and Family Treatment and Support Services, starting on January 1, 2019. These services are:
 - Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP)
 - Community Psychiatric Supports & Treatment (CPST)
 - Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)
- Services delivered to children between January 1, 2019 and the date the service is expanded as a state plan service. These services are:
 - Family Peer Support Services (FPSS) - transition date to State Plan Authority 7/1/2019
 - Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST) – transition date to State Plan Authority 1/1/2020
 - Crisis Intervention (CI) – transition date to State Plan Authority 1/1/2020

- The billing transition for the existing State Plan Behavioral Health Services moving into Medicaid Managed Care on July 1, 2019.
- The billing transition for children in and discharged from foster care; including the impact of the removal of the exclusion from managed care enrollment for children in the care of Voluntary Foster Care Agencies (VFCAs) and removal of the exemption of foster care children in receipt of HCBS. This transition will occur on July 1, 2019.

This guidance is intended for use by Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs), including Special Needs Plans (SNPs), and behavioral health service providers.

This guidance is only applicable to information related to billing and claiming. It does not address applicable regulatory requirements or procedures for admission to a program, record keeping, service documentation, initial and on-going treatment planning and reviews, etc.

Transition Timeline:

<p align="center">Children’s Proposed Medicaid Redesign Timeline <i>Subject to the Availability of Global Cap Resources</i> <i>in excess of Budget Restoration</i> <i>Subject to timely CMS and other State Approvals</i></p>	<p align="center">Anticipated Start</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care coordination service now provided under each of the six children’s 1915(c) waivers will transition to Health Home beginning January 1, 2019 • Implement three of six new State Plan services, herein referred to as Children and Family Treatment and Support Services, statewide (Other Licensed Practitioner, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Community Psychiatric Treatment and Supports) in Fee-for-Service and Managed Care 	<p align="center">1/1/2019</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End exemption from mandatory managed care enrollment for children who formerly received care under each of the six children’s 1915(c) waivers who are not also in foster care • Concurrent 1115 MRT waiver and Children’s 1915(c) waiver authority for new array of HCBS and the remaining three Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (Family Peer Support Services, Youth Peer Support and Training, and Crisis Intervention) until such time they transition to the Medicaid State Plan Authority and are added to the Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package 	<p align="center">4/1/2019</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three year phase-in of expansions of Level of Care (LOC) eligibility for HCBS begins (within limits of Global Spending Cap) • Remove exclusion from mandatory managed care enrollment for children in the care of Voluntary Foster Care Agencies • Remove exemption from mandatory managed care enrollment for children in receipt of HCBS who are also placed in foster care • Existing State Plan behavioral health benefits for children under 21 added to Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package • Family Peer Support Services (one of the six new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services) as a new State Plan service added to Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package 	<p align="center">7/1/2019</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Peer Support and Training and Crisis Intervention (two of the six new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services) as new State Plan services added to the Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package 	<p align="center">1/1/2020</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of Need (LON) eligibility for HCBS begins 	<p align="center">After full phase in of LOC eligibility</p>

Health Home Care Management

Concurrent with the managed care carve-in on 4/1/2019, children eligible for HCBS will receive care management through Health Homes. The care coordination service now provided under each of the six children's 1915(c) waivers will transition to Health Home beginning January 1, 2019.

Health Home is an optional benefit; therefore, children may opt out of Health Home care management. Health Home care management will conduct HCBS eligibility determination and develop a person-centered comprehensive Plan of Care and the State-designated Independent Entity will conduct HCBS eligibility determinations and develop a Plan of Care for HCBS only, for those that opt out of Health Home. For children who opt out of HH and are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care, the MMCP will monitor the Plan of Care. For children who opt out of HH and are not enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care the Independent Entity will monitor the Plan of Care. The Independent Entity will also conduct HCBS eligibility determinations for children who are not enrolled in Medicaid at the point of referral for HCBS eligibility determination.

Billing for Children Transitioning from each of the six children's 1915(c) Waiver Care Management to Health Home Care Management

During the January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 period, children enrolled in 1915(c) waivers will transition to Health Home care management. Upon signing a Health Home consent, the member will be enrolled in a Health Home. The care manager, with proper agreements in place with Health Homes, will bill the appropriate Health Home rate code (1864 – 1866 & 1869 – 1871), beginning in the month the consent is signed. Beginning at that time, all Health Home billing rules apply. Health Home rate codes and the six existing children's 1915(c) care management waiver rate codes may not be simultaneously billed for the same month of service.

The CANS-NY determines the Health Home rate that may be billed. To help transition waiver providers to Health Home rates, 1915(c) waiver providers that now bill the existing children's 1915(c) care management rates that are higher than Health Home rates, i.e., OMH SED waiver providers and B2H waiver providers (who are now Health Home care managers) may bill the Health Home rate codes (high, medium, and low based on the child's acuity score), **and** the provider will also submit a supplemental claim for the ICC/HCI transition rate code that coincides with the Health Home rate code (7924-high, 7925-medium, 7926-low). The CANS-NY should be completed within 30 days of health home enrollment. If the CANS-NY is not completed within 30 days the low rate will be billed. This supplemental payment will assist providers with transitioning between the ICC monthly rate/HCI monthly rate and the new Health Home rate. Over

the course of two years, the ICC/HCI Transitional rate will gradually decline until it is completely replaced by the Health Home rate.

The ICC/HCI transition rate codes may only be billed for the number of children which is equivalent to a transitioning waiver providers slot capacity. The State will inform each provider of their slot capacity. All transitioning children will be enrolled and claims under the six existing children's 1915(c) waiver care management will cease effective April 1, 2019. Former 1915(c) providers eligible for these rates will fully transition to the Health Home rates on January 1, 2021.

Continuity of Care for Existing State Plan Services Carved into Medicaid Managed Care

Generally, MMCPs are not permitted to apply utilization review for 90 days following the implementation of existing State Plan services moving into the MMCP Benefit package.

Certain continuity of care provisions will continue for 24 months from the date the benefits are included in Medicaid managed care (e.g.; July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021):

1. For enrollees transitioning from FFS, Medicaid Managed Care Plans are required to authorize HCBS and LTSS in accordance with the existing plan of care (including access to the same provider) for 180 days, or until a new plan of care is in place, whichever is later, unless the beneficiary requests a change in the services provided.
2. Medicaid Managed Care Plans must allow children enrolling in the MMCP from FFS to continue with their current provider for a current behavioral health episode of care for up to 24 months from the benefit inclusion date, regardless of that provider's participation with the MMCP.

Continuity of Care for 1915(c) Transitioning Children

In addition to standard continuity of care provisions for all beneficiaries, the State has ensured that no 1915(c) Transitioning Children will lose access to services due to the transition to the new concurrent waiver authority.

1. 1915(c) Transitioning Children will continue to be eligible for HCBS until at least one year after the date of their completed initial Health Home CANS-NY assessment (i.e., sometime between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2019) or, for 1915(c) Transition Children opting out of Health Home, the date the Independent Entity opens a case record.

2. Children will not be required to change their Care Management Agency due to this transition.
3. For 1915(c) Transitioning Children, the Health Home comprehensive plan of care, or independent entity HCBS plan of care, will preserve access to 1915(c) HCBS by cross-walking their services to the new State Plan or aligned children's HCBS.
4. For all 1915(c) Transitioning Children, Medicaid Managed Care Plans are required to authorize covered HCBS and LTSS in accordance with the existing plan of care (including access to the same provider) for 180 days from the date April 1, 2019, or until a new plan of care is in place, whichever is later, unless the beneficiary requests a change in the services provided.
5. For all 1915(c) Transitioning Children, Medicaid Managed Care Plans will not conduct utilization review or require service authorization for new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services or aligned children's HCBS added to plans of care for 180 days from the transition date of April 1, 2019.
6. Medicaid Managed Care Plans must allow 1915(c) Transitioning Children to continue with their current provider for a current episode of care for up to 24 months, regardless of that provider's participation with the plan.
7. Aligned children's HCBS and new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services are comparable to or enhanced from the HCBS services currently provided under the 1915(c) authorities.

Children's Medicaid System Transformation Continuity of Care Requirements			
Child's HCBS Status	Child's MMCP Status	Timeframe	Requirement
All children enrolled in MMCP	Enrolled in a MMCP before or effective 04/01/19	90 days	MMCP may not apply Utilization Management (UM) criteria from the implementation date for all services newly carved into Managed Care for individuals under age 21.
1915(c) Transitioning Child	Enrolled in a MMCP before or effective 04/01/19 or 7/1/19 ¹	180 days	During the first 180 days of the transition period ² and in accordance with the most recent POC, MMCP will not apply UR criteria to HCBS or LTSS included in the POC.
1915(c) Transitioning Child	Enrolled in a MMCP before or effective 04/01/19 or 7/1/19	180 days	During the first 180 days of the transition period if the POC is modified to include additional children's specialty services ³ , such services may not be subject to utilization review or prior approval by the MMCP.
1915(c) Transitioning Child	Enrolled in a MMCP before or effective 04/01/19	24 months	During the transition period, the MMCP must allow children to continue with their care providers, including medical, BH and HCBS providers, for a continuous Episode of Care. This applies only to Episodes of Care that were ongoing during the transition of the service from FFS to managed care including those originating children's 1915(c) services that will move into the concurrent waiver authority until they transition to the Medicaid State Plan.
FFS Child in Receipt of HCBS	Enrolled in MMCP between 04/01/19 and 04/01/21	180 days	During the first 180 days of enrollment and in accordance with the most recent POC, MMCP will not apply UR criteria to HCBS or LTSS that is included in the POC.

¹ Children in VFCAs and children in Foster Care in receipt of HCBS will transition to MMC on 7/1/19. These provisions are effective from the date of their enrollment in MMC.

² "Transition period" is defined as 24 months from each implementation date.

³ Children's specialty services are the Children and Family Treatment and Support Services and Aligned HCBS Waiver services.

MMCPs may apply utilization review criteria, as permitted in the Medicaid Managed Care Model Contract, and in compliance with parity laws, for those services which were included in the managed care benefit package for children prior to this transition.

Services in the benefit package are:

- Inpatient psychiatric services
- Licensed outpatient clinic services⁴
- OASAS inpatient rehabilitation services
- Medically managed detoxification (hospital based)
- Medically supervised inpatient detoxification
- Medically supervised outpatient withdrawal

Some services are subject to annual or daily limits. Service utilization in excess of the annual claim limits and daily unit limits listed throughout each service description, and on the accompanying crosswalks, will be subject to medical necessity and possible post-payment review. Documentation of the medical necessity for extended durations must be kept on file in the consumer's record for the applicable period of time as defined by NYS Medicaid regulations.

Transition of Children and Family Treatment and Support Services

Three Children and Family Treatment and Support Services will be implemented statewide as State Plan services on **January 1, 2019**. These services are:

- Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST)
- Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP)
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)

For children enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Plan when the service is delivered, CPST, OLP and PSR should be billed directly to the MMCP. Please refer to the [New York State Children's Health and Behavioral Health \(BH\) Services – Children's Medicaid System Transformation Billing and Coding Manual](#) for more information about these services.

From **January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019**, OMH SED waiver and OCFS B2H waiver providers who are designated to provide the Children and Family Treatment and Support Services listed above should bill the Children and Family Treatment and Support Service for crisis activities that correspond to the Crisis Response or Immediate

⁴ SSI Children and Children with SED diagnoses enrolled in SED designated clinics were not included in the MMCP benefit package

Crisis Response crisis activities from the waivers, as outlined in the grid below and in compliance with the provider qualifications in the [Medicaid State Plan Children and Family Treatment and Support Services Provider Manual](#).

If the provider has not been designated to provide the new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services OR the crisis activity(ies) provided does not align with the Children and Family Treatment and Support Services, the provider should bill the existing service rate code for Crisis Response or Immediate Crisis Response.

Former Authority/ Service	Cross walks to	New Authority	Service	Rate Code(s)	Allowable Activities During Crisis Event
OMH Waiver Crisis Response	→	SPA Effective 1/1/2019	CPST	7911 – CPST Service Professional 7921 – Off-Site CPST	Can provide face-to-face rehabilitative supports and intensive interventions during crisis and crisis avoidance pre-crisis and intermediate crisis response post crisis for a child on their caseload
	→	Until 3/31/2019	OMH Waiver Crisis Response	4652 – Intensive In-Home Extended, 90 minutes 4657 – Brief, 30 minutes 4658 – Full, minimum of 60 minutes	Activities or staff that cannot be billed under rehabilitative supports Note: through 3/31/2019 24/7 crisis response is required through waiver. If the practitioner meets CPST qualifications and provides an activity meeting those requirements, then the agency should bill the State Plan otherwise the agency should bill waiver.
OCFS Waiver Immediate Crisis Response	→	SPA Effective 1/1/2019	CPST	7911 – CPST Service Professional 7921 – Off-Site CPST	Can provide face-to-face supports and interventions during a crisis, pre-crisis avoidance and post crisis intermediate response for child on their caseload
	→	Until 3/31/2019	OCFS Waiver Immediate Crisis Response	1322 - Intensive in Home Supports and Services 1349 - Intensive In Home Supports and Services 1376 - Intensive In Home Supports	Note: through 3/31/2019 24/7 crisis response is required through waiver. If the practitioner meets CPST qualifications and provides an activity meeting those requirements, then the agency should bill the

				<p>and Services</p> <p>1319 - Crisis Avoidance & Management Training-Individual</p> <p>1346 - Crisis Avoidance & Management Training-Individual</p> <p>1373 - Crisis Avoidance & Management Training-Individual</p>	<p>State Plan otherwise the agency should bill waiver.</p>
N/A	NEW Service Option	SPA	OLP	<p>7900 – OLP Licensed Evaluation</p> <p>7901 – OLP Counseling</p> <p>7902 – OLP Crisis Offsite In-person</p> <p>7903 – OLP Crisis Triage by Phone</p> <p>7904 – OLP Crisis Complex Care</p>	<p>Can serve any Medicaid child. Provide Licensed Evaluation (Assessment) including Treatment Planning; Psychotherapy (Counseling); Crisis Intervention Activities: Crisis Triage (By telephone), Crisis Off-Site (In-person), Crisis Complex Care (Follow up), up to 3 visits prior to a treatment plan development.</p>
N/A	NEW Service Option	<p>Consolidated 1915(c)</p> <p>From 4/1/19 through 12/31/19</p> <p>SPA (1/1/2020)</p>	Crisis Intervention	<p>7906- CI 1 Licensed Practitioner</p> <p>7907 – CI 1 Licensed Practitioner & 1 Peer Support</p> <p>7908 – CI Licensed Practitioners</p> <p>7909 – CI 90-180 minute & 2 clinicians, 1 licensed</p> <p>7910 – CI Per Diem 3 hours, 2 clinicians, 1 licensed</p>	<p>Payment occurs only for face-to-face response but includes telephone triage. 24/7 coverage with 1 hour response time (acknowledge that there will be ramp up as the new service is implemented statewide). DOH/OMH should develop plans for communities to develop this access.</p>
<p><i>(See Provider Manuals for more detail on service requirements and staff qualifications)</i></p>					

Three additional Children and Family Treatment and Support Services will be implemented as State Plan services on the dates below. These services are:

- Family Peer Support Services (FPSS)- effective in the Medicaid State Plan July 1, 2019
- Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST) – effective in the Medicaid State Plan January 1, 2020
- Crisis Intervention- effective in the Medicaid State Plan January 1, 2020

Understanding the Transition

Authority for these Children and Family Treatment and Support Services and Aligned HCBS Waiver services will transition from the originating six children's 1915(c) waiver to a new concurrent waiver authority on April 1, 2019. This means:

- On or after the date of the implementation of the Children and Family Treatment and Support Service through the Medicaid State Plan Authority, any child covered by Medicaid may receive the service if they meet medical necessity criteria. No HCBS eligibility is necessary.
 - Those children receiving Waiver services prior to the transition to the concurrent waiver authority will continue to receive these services after the transition to concurrent waiver authority. However, some Waiver services will transition to Medicaid State Plan services and HCBS eligibility will not be necessary to access these services. The crosswalk of original six children's 1915(c) waiver services to Children and Family Treatment and Support Services and concurrent waiver authority services is displayed in the following table.

Existing CAH I/II Waiver Services	Existing OCFS B2H Waiver Services	Existing OMH SED Waiver Services	Existing OPWDD CAH Waiver Services	New Children and Family Treatment and Support Services	Newly Aligned HCBS Benefits
	Immediate Crisis Response Services	Crisis Response Services		Crisis Intervention Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment – Crisis Component OLP – Crisis Component	
	Crisis Avoidance, Management & Training AND Intensive In-Home Services	Intensive In-Home Services		Community Psychiatric Supports & Treatment	
		Family Peer Support Services		Family Peer Support Services	
		Youth Peer Advocacy and Training		Youth Peer Advocacy and Training	
				Other Licensed Practitioner	
	Skill Building	Skill Building		Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services	
Case Management	Health Care Integration	Individualized Care Coordination	Case Management		HH Care Management
	Crisis & Planned Respite	Respite Services	Respite		Respite
	Prevocational Services	Prevocational Services			Prevocational Services
	Family/Caregiver Support Services				Caregiver/Family Support & Services
	Supported Employment	Supported Employment			Supported Employment
	Special Needs Community Advocacy and Support (SNCAS)				Community Self-Advocacy Training and Support
	Day Habilitation				Day Habilitation Community Habilitation

Existing CAH I/II Waiver Services	Existing OCFS B2H Waiver Services	Existing OMH SED Waiver Services	Existing OPWDD CAH Waiver Services	New Children and Family Treatment and Support Services	Newly Aligned HCBS Benefits
	Adaptive and Assistive Equipment		Assistive Technology – Adaptive Devices		Adaptive and Assistive Equipment
Home and Vehicle Modifications	Accessibility Modifications		Environmental Modifications (Home Accessibility)		Accessibility Modifications
Palliative Care (Family Education, Bereavement Service, Massage Therapy, Expressive Therapy)					Palliative Care Pain & Symptom Management
					Palliative Care Bereavement
					Palliative Care Massage Therapy
					Palliative Care Expressive Therapy
					Non-Medical Transportation
					Customized Goods & Services

- Children eligible for HCBS after April 1, 2019, may receive aligned HCBS, subject to available capacity. HCBS eligibility must be determined by a Health Home Care Manager or the Independent Entity. More information can be found in the [Transition Plan for the Children’s Medicaid System Transformation](#).
- Beginning January 1, 2019, designated Children and Family Treatment and Support Service providers will begin billing new rate codes for OLP, CPST and PSR as outlined in the [New York State Children’s Health and Behavioral Health \(BH\) Services – Children’s Medicaid System Transformation Billing and Coding Manual](#).
- Beginning April 1, 2019, designated Children and Family Treatment and Support Service and HCBS providers will begin billing the new rates, rate codes and procedure codes for remaining new services as outlined in the [New York State Children’s Health and Behavioral Health \(BH\) Services – Children’s Medicaid System Transformation Billing and Coding Manual](#).
- As of the transition, providers will be delivering Children and Family Treatment and Support Services in compliance with the service description listed in the [Medicaid State Plan Provider Manual for Children’s BH Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment \(EPSDT\) Services](#), including Family Peer

Support Services, Youth Peer Advocacy and Training, and Crisis Intervention which will be implemented according to the timeline on pages 2-3.

- **The six existing children’s 1915(c) waiver rates and rate codes can no longer be used after April 1, 2019 for any services.**
- For those children enrolled in MMCP, Children and Family Treatment and Support Services and aligned HCBS will be billed directly to the MMCP.
 - The MMCP capitation will include OLP, CPST and PSR services beginning January 1, 2019.
 - The MMCP capitation will not include any Children’s Aligned HCBS for at least 24 months from the implementation of these services in MMC.
- For those children not enrolled in MMCP, Children and Family Treatment and Support Services and Aligned HCBS will be billed to FFS.

Transition of Existing State Plan BH Services to Managed Care

Existing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment services delivered prior to July 1, 2019, will continue to be billed fee-for-service for children under 21 through eMedNY. These services are listed below. Effective July 1, 2019, the services below will be part of the MMCP benefit package and claiming will follow billing procedures defined in [New York State Health and Recovery Plan \(HARP\) / Mainstream Behavioral Health Billing and Coding Manual Billing and Coding Manual](#):

- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) (minimum age is 18 for medical necessity for this adult oriented service)
- Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) (including Extended Observation Bed)
- Continuing Day Treatment (CDT) (minimum age is 18 for medical necessity for this adult oriented service)
- Medically managed detoxification (hospital based)
- Medically supervised detoxification
- Medically supervised outpatient withdrawal
- OASAS Outpatient and Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services
- OASAS outpatient rehabilitation services
- OASAS outpatient services
- Residential addiction services
- Partial hospitalization
- Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) (minimum age is 18 for medical necessity for this adult oriented service)

Additionally, the following existing BH services that were previously part of the MMCP benefit package for children without SSI will be part of the MMCP for all children

effective July 1, 2019, and these services will be billed to the MMCP for children enrolled in MMC.

- Inpatient psychiatric services
- OMH Licensed⁵ and OASAS Certified Outpatient Clinic services
- Medically Managed Detoxification (hospital based)
- Medically Supervised Inpatient Detoxification
- Medically Supervised Outpatient Withdrawal
- OASAS Inpatient Rehabilitation services

Transition of Children in the Care of Voluntary Foster Care Agencies and Children in Receipt of HCBS Placed in Foster Care into Medicaid Managed Care

The exclusion from enrollment in Medicaid Managed Care for children in the care of a VFCA and the exemption of mandatory Medicaid Managed Care enrollment for children in receipt of HCBS who are also placed in foster care will remain in effect until July 1, 2019.

Children discharged from foster care and in need of HCBS will be enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Plan on April 1, 2019. HCBS for these children will be paid for by the MMCP.

⁵ This includes OMH SED designated clinics, which were previously carved out of MMC for children with SED diagnoses.

The chart below summarizes the transition of HCBS for and enrollment of children placed in foster care into Medicaid Managed Care.

Population	HCBS Benefit Transitions to Aligned Children's HCBS under the concurrent waiver authority; provided through FFS	Aligned Children's HCBS Benefit Transitions to MMC	Population enrolled in MMC**
Current and new children placed in foster care in direct care of the LDSS without HCBS	N/A	N/A	4/1/2013
Current children placed in foster care in the direct care of the LDSS and receiving HCBS	4/1/2019	7/1/2019	7/1/2019
New children placed in foster care in the direct care of the LDSS and in need of HCBS	4/1/2019*	7/1/2019	7/1/2019
Current and new children in the care VFCA without HCBS	N/A	N/A	7/1/2019
Current children in the care of VFCA receiving HCBS	4/1/2019	7/1/2019	7/1/2019
New children placed in care of VFCA and in need of HCBS	4/1/2019*	7/1/2019	7/1/2019
Current children discharged from foster care and receiving HCBS	N/A	4/1/2019	1/1/2019
New children discharged from foster care and in need of HCBS	N/A	4/1/2019*	1/1/2019

*subject to the State's capacity

**required to enroll unless the individual is otherwise exempt or excluded from Medicaid Managed Care.

Claims Testing

To facilitate a smooth transition to Medicaid Managed Care billing, the MMCPs will reach out and offer billing/claim submission training to newly contracted providers. This will include testing claims submission and processing, and issuance of MMCP contact and support information to assist programs in claim submission.

MMCP contact information can be found at <https://matrix.ctacny.org/>.

Providers are expected to claims test with MMCPs prior to the service implementation date and upon executing a new contract. This should begin 90 days prior to the implementation date.