

Children's Medicaid System Transformation Timeline Update

New York State would like to announce an update to the Voluntary Foster Care Agency (VFCA) Medicaid Managed Care transition timeline. After a thorough assessment of the timeline for completion of outstanding actions necessary for a successful transition and in response to stakeholder feedback, the State has changed the effective managed care carve-in date for VFCA services and the foster care population from February 1, 2020 to **July 1, 2020**. The adjusted timeline is intended to provide ample time for the completion of remaining activities, including contracting and relationship-building between Managed Care Plans and VFCA providers, to ensure a smooth and effective transition.

The following components of the VFCA Medicaid Managed Care transition will take effect on July 1, 2020:

- Public Health Law Article 29-I Licensure becomes effective for Voluntary Foster Care Agencies (VFCA)
- Core Limited Health Related Services and Other Limited Health Related Services provided by Article 29-I VFCA are added to the Medicaid Managed Care Benefit Package
- Children/youth placed in foster care with a VFCA are no longer excluded from enrollment in Medicaid Managed Care

This timeline change will *not* impact the ability of eligible children/youth in foster care to access Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) or Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS). For questions regarding this change or regarding Foster Care, please contact BH.Transition@health.ny.gov.