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Adult BH HCBS Rate Increases Announced

New York State has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase rates retroactively for several Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) covered by Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) and HIV Special Need Plans (HIV SNP).

- Short-term Respite and Intensive Crisis Respite Rates increased by 15% and 25% respectively
- Off-site Psychosocial Rehabilitation rates increased by \$1.51 downstate and \$1.35 upstate, per 15 minutes, effective retroactively to November 1, 2016.

Also included is a 50% productivity adjustment effective retroactively to May 1, 2017. Please see the [BH HCBS Rate Increase Memo](#) for a list of affected services and more information.

- Temporary rates will be in effect May 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 (Downstate) and May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018 (Upstate) OR until the number of enrollees receiving BH HCBS reaches 10,500 downstate and 9,450 upstate.
- Startup rates are increased by 50% of currently approved fee.
- The Administrative Fee paid to Medicaid Managed Care plans has been calculated based on the previously approved rates. Per CMS approval, the administrative fee has not been increased.

VBP University

[VBP University](#) is an online, educational resource created to raise awareness, knowledge and expertise in the move to Value Based Payment (VBP). VBP University combines informational videos and supplemental materials that stakeholders interested in VBP can use to advance their understanding of this massive transformation effort.

The curriculum includes four semesters:

	Date of Release	Area of Study
Semester One	July 2017	Background and foundational information on VBP
Semester Two	August 2017	Topic specific information such as governance, business strategy, stakeholder engagement, finance, and data
Semester Three	September 2017	VBP Contracting
Semester Four**	October and November 2017**	VBP Bootcamps**

**VBP Bootcamps will take place in October and November 2017 in locations throughout the state. More information including dates and locations will be distributed shortly.

For more information, visit www.health.ny.gov/VBP.



Release of Children’s System Transformation MCO Requirements and Standards

New York State is pleased to release the *New York State Children’s Health and Behavioral Health Benefit Administration: Medicaid Managed Care Organization Children’s System Transformation [Requirements and Standards](#)*.

To ensure MCOs are equipped to meet the needs of the HCBS and BH population, MCOs will be reviewed and qualified against new health and BH specific administrative, performance and fiscal standards.

This is a statewide implementation for which MCOs will need to demonstrate that they have the experience, organizational capacity, and expertise to ensure the effective delivery of the expanded array of children’s health and behavioral health services.

All questions from MCOs must be submitted electronically to BHO@omh.ny.gov by **5:00 p.m. September 1, 2017**. Inquiries will not be answered on an individual basis. Responses will be posted in the form of FAQs on the Department of Health’s MRT Behavioral Health transition website, as well as the state agency websites.

NYAPRS Peer-to-Peer Presentations: Kick-Off Webinar

The New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS), the Mental Health Empowerment Project (MHEP) and Alcoholism and Substance Providers of NYS (ASAP) have joined forces to educate potential enrollees about:

- Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs)
- Health Home care management
- Adult Behavioral Health (BH) Home and Community-Based Services (BH HCBS)

NYAPRS will hold a [Kick-Off Webinar](#), hosted by the OMH Office of Consumer Affairs, to talk about their new **Peer-to-Peer Presentations** that educate consumers about these choices and encourage them to ‘raise the bar’ for what’s possible for their lives, for their health, and from their service providers.

Assisting with Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) Enrollment: Guidance for Providers

New York State [issued a memorandum](#) to help providers and advocates identify and assist with Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) enrollment for eligible individuals. The document provides the following information:

- Overview of the Health and Recovery Plan (HARP)
- HARP eligibility
- Reasons why a HARP-eligible individual may not be enrolled in a HARP
- How behavioral health providers and advocates may assist a HARP-eligible individual enroll in a HARP.

Behavioral Health Managed Care Contact Information

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Other Contact Information:

Questions regarding HARP eligibility and enrollment:

New York Medicaid Choice **1-855-789-4277**

Issues related to Personalized Recovery-Oriented Services:

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Adult BH HCBS Designation questions or to update status:

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Adult BH HCBS Start-Up funding:

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