

October 2017 – “Fall Clean-up”

2018 OASAS Budgets Update – Non-allowable Costs

OASAS Budgets were submitted to the State by Monday October 2nd, and OASAS Field Offices are currently reviewing and approving those Budgets. OASAS sent out an email on October 6th regarding non-allowable costs in the CBR/CFR process. This is a big topic for OASAS as many providers include non-allowable costs on the final CFR claiming report. OASAS has developed a form to ensure operational compliance and implementation of the guidance offered and is requesting that each provider complete the 2018 Consolidated Budget Report (CBR) **Non-Allowable Cost Detail Information attestation form** and return it to the Field Office. There is no official due date for the form, but the CBR cannot be approved without it. For further clarification on Non-Allowable Cost Information please refer to Appendix X “Adjustments to Reported Costs” of the CFR Manual.

End of Year Forecasting

As we near the end of the year, County Local Governing Units (LGUs) are now planning how to maximize the usage of their state aid dollars. We recommend that County LGUs request providers (including the county themselves) forecast year end surpluses and also identify any vital needs they may have. Any surplus funding can then be used to fund one-time provider requests, programs with deficits, and other program needs. County LGUs would compile requests by November and any awards are usually issued by late November or early December to allow ample time to properly use these surplus funds and any budget/contract amendments.

As a reminder, if the provider is planning to use the surpluses to purchase equipment, they should communicate with the county LGU and Field Office ahead of time, as some equipment purchases come with certain requirements.

Health Home Program Clarification – Mental Health Provider Directory (MHPD) Updates

Early in 2017, OMH had indicated that Health Home providers only needed to make a MHPD modification to the population served to add children and youth to the existing adult population. OMH has since changed those directions and now requires Health Home providers to operate two separate programs (just like traditional case management was reported): one for adults and one for children and youth. To aid in this process, NYS OMH is making the additions to MHPD on behalf of the provider. Please verify that they are correctly reported as MHPD information as reflected on the OMH Website and is directly linked to the CFR reporting.

Federal Medicaid Salary Sharing Update

It was recently announced that Federal Medicaid Administration Cost claims were approved for payment for the periods of Q2 2014 – Q1 2015! Yeah!! Counties can check the OMH Online Fiscal Portal (ALFS) for approved claim amounts. The amounts that are shown in ALFS are the aggregate amounts of OMH, OASAS and OPWDD disabilities.

NYS OMH will be preparing the payment, the full one-year period, and they expect counties to receive payments before the end of 2017. The payment will include all three disabilities combined and NYS is preparing guidance around the revenues.