

Financial Services Update

Children's SPOA Funding Extension – the additional allocation to support the enhanced role of SPOA/Conflict of Interest compliance (included in FC 046A) has been extended to 12/31/2019. Contact the Field Office with any questions. Please note that this extension is a continuation of the increase that went into effect on 7/1/2015.

Webinar on Renewal of Ongoing Service Contracts 6-27-18 and 7-18-18 – New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is offering two webinars on the renewal of ongoing services, which provide guidelines regarding the statutory language in the 2018-19 Enacted Aid-to-Localities Appropriation Bill that applies to all OMH State Aid funding, and governs the renewal of 'ongoing services' contracts to protect continuity of care and avoid significant disruption of services and additional costs associated with rebidding.

To register for the 6-27-18 (12:00 pm) webinar please use the following link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?RGID=rdf55984505d89fc593518b1d45b9df7b>

To register for the 7-18-18 (2:00 pm) webinar, please use the following link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?RGID=r98de9f4b2a9fc611e7ed9b002c695fc5>

RMTS migration to a new website – PCG upgraded their EasyRMTS™ Software hosting to Amazon Web Services (AWS) on Saturday, June 16. This does not impact your user name or password. They simply moved EasyRMTS™ to a new website. There was a quick tips guide sent out to all time study coordinators. The tips will help address any questions related to logging in, ensuring moment emails are still received, and browser topics. Any further questions or concerns about the system upgrade can be sent to: PCGCAPSystems@PCGUS.com.

New SRO rate and Supported Housing Stipends – If your county has Community Residence Single Room Occupancy (CR-SRO) or Supported Single Room Occupancy (SP-SRO), and Supported Housing Programs, the rates have been increased:

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Rates

- Stipend increase of \$500/unit Downstate, \$450/unit Upstate
- Leveling Up to SRO "Homeless Rates." After July 1, 2018 there will no longer be different rates for "Homeless" vs. "Non-Homeless" SRO units. There will only be regional rates with a distinction between CR-SRO and SP-SRO stipends.

Supportive Housing (SH) Stipends

- Stipend increase effective 4/1/18, based on the latest Fair Market Rent (FMR) and services cost data. This is a new stipend which is expected to be added to a future 2018 state aid letter.
- The most recent amendment of your state aid letter should reflect the rate in the column "4/1/2018 Initial Rate"

OMH Payments for Minimum Wage – Supplemental advances have been paid out to the LGUs. Please consult with your field office for the breakdowns of the minimum wage increases.

Reminder regarding Executive Order #38 – As a general reminder, calendar year 2017 was the third year reducing the amount of allowable Agency Administration Cost. Agencies are expected to comply with the order and operate with an agency administration percentage no more than 15%. (OASAS calculates Agency Administration differently, and therefore allows for 20% Agency Administration Costs. This is only applicable for OASAS Only Agencies.) For more information and frequently asked questions regarding EO #38, please use the following link:

<https://executiveorder38.ny.gov/faq-page>

HRSA Invites Applications for National Health Service Corps Sites – The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) invites health care provider organizations to apply to become a [National Health Service Corps](#) (NHSC)-approved site. Organizations needing more clinicians to keep up with increased demand for services, or wanting to expand services, but need more staff, and/or struggling to retain clinicians are encouraged to seek out more information.

The NHSC helps provider organizations recruit and retain qualified health care providers through the NHSC Loan Repayment Program, which helps primary care providers pay off their student loan debt in exchange for serving at least 2 years at an NHSC-approved site. NHSC recently received \$105 million for future NHSC Loan Repayment Program awards that expands and improves access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in rural and underserved areas. New this year, outpatient substance use disorder treatment facilities may be eligible to apply if they provide any of these services: General Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUD), Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), or Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

The 2018 NHSC site application cycle is now open and will close on August 14, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Contact your [HRSA NHSC Division of Regional Operations Point of Contact \[PDF - 149KB\]](#) with questions.