

August 2018 Newsletter

Financial Services

NYS OASAS 2019 Budget Packages are Out!

2019 OASAS Budget Packets have gone out to counties. County LGU's are expected to forward the budget materials and their related funding detail to their county funded provider agencies. Agency providers must submit their 2019 Prospective Budget packages to the county, not the OASAS Field Office. Counties are expected to review the budgets ahead of submitting them to the Regional Field Offices by Monday October 1st. The most recent version of the CFRS software (version 30.0.301) is a requirement for submitting the 2019 Budgets. If you don't have the most recent version of the software, it can be found at <https://apps.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/CFRSWeb/default.asp>.

OMH Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)'s Have Now Been Paid Out

COLA payments went out very recently as supplemental payments. These COLA payments brought the COLA funding up to where the rest of the state aid funding is at YTD (1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters are now paid out for existing state aid as well as the additional COLA dollars allocated for the 2018 year). If you are not aware of the COLA breakdowns by provider, the field offices have these breakouts and can provide them for you. The County Allocation Tracker (CAT) for the 3rd quarter should be completed to reflect the COLA breakouts according to the provider allocations.

Workforce Salary Enhancement (COLA) Attestation Statements May Need to be Submitted

As a reminder, Workforce Salary Enhancement (COLA) attestation statements are due to the State by November 30th, 2018. The original due date in March 2018 was pushed back until November due to feedback from providers regarding the language and definition of the statements. Providers are also expected to submit a board of directors approved resolution along with the attestation. Funding allocated to provider agencies that fail to meet this requirement will be recovered.

Recommendation of Best Practices

The majority, if not all, of the 2017 claim submission approvals should have been submitted to the state and at this point we recommend completing Pre-Closeout Reconciliation statements. The reconciliations are simply a way for counties to review the amount of state aid that was paid out to providers vs. what was claimed by providers. After completing the maximization of funding, counties should set up a liability with the provider if the state aid was underclaimed or a payout of additional state aid for any county revised claims above the original allocation. By completing this process now counties and providers can agree on any recoupments or payouts that may be necessary in a timely manner. These amounts are subject to revision at the time the NYS closeout occurs.