



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Transition of Behavioral Health Supports and Services into Managed Care

PURPOSE: To assess New York State's progress with transitioning individuals receiving behavioral health supports and services from programs certified and licensed by the Office of Mental Health or the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services into managed care.

**Wednesday
October, 21st, 2015
12:30pm
Legislative Office
Building
Hearing Room C
Albany, New York**

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

In 2011, the Governor created a Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) to reform the way Medicaid services are delivered in New York. As a result of the MRT, both adults and children on Medicaid who are recipients of behavioral health services began the transition into a Medicaid managed care model, including mental health and substance use supports and services. The State has entered the final phase of the transition to managed care for adults and it is expected that services for children will fully transition to managed care by December 31, 2017. To support this transition, the State has invested additional resources into community based behavioral health treatment services and supports, downsized state facilities, and proposed to consolidate or merge programs across the state. These changes will not only affect those receiving behavioral health supports and services, but also the providers who deliver those services.

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-2016 State Budget provided \$10 million to support information technology and other infrastructure costs for not-for-profit agencies related to the transition of behavioral health services into the Medicaid Managed Care benefit package. The Budget also included funding to support a two percent compensation increase for behavioral health service provider direct care staff, direct support staff, and clinical staff.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the committee with an opportunity to assess New York State's progress with transitioning individuals receiving behavioral health supports and services into managed care. The hearing will also allow the committee to examine whether a commitment for additional budget resources is required for the upcoming fiscal year to ensure New York State has sufficient capacity to provide behavioral health supports and services.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the transition of behavioral health supports and services into managed care on Wednesday, October 21st, 12:30pm.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearings.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** _____

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