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PUBLIC AND TRIBAL
NOTICE

Wyoming Department of
Health

Proposed Amendment to Medicaid 1915(c) Children's Mental Health Waiver

Public and Tribal notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) intends to submit an amendment to its current 1915 (c) Children's Mental Health Waiver (CMHW) services delivered by the State's Care Management Entity (CME), with an effective date of September 1, 2021. The amendment is necessary to adjust the agreed upon rate and reimbursement paid by the Department to the CME's direct service providers and to allow youth enrolled with the CMHW to continue CME services while they are on a waitlist for another home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver.

This amendment is part of the Department's approach to enhance services for youth receiving HCBS programs. Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) addresses additional support provided to Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS). The law includes a provision to increase the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid HCBS by 10% from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. According to this Section, in order to be eligible to receive the increase, the State must use the Federal funds to supplement, and not supplant, the level of State funds expended for HCBS programs in effect as of April 1, 2021. Additionally, the State must implement, or supplement the implementation of, one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS under the State Medicaid program.

On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance detailing further federal requirements for states to access the enhanced federal funding. As a part of this guidance, states are required to submit to CMS a spending plan and narrative that details a proposed approach to leveraging this federal funding. For more information about the Department's approach to ARPA please go to: <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/hcbs/hcbsarpa/>

Administration: Will not change.

Eligibility: Will change. Youth enrolled in the CMHW may be served by the CME while on a waitlist for another waiver. Disenrollment from the CMHW will occur when the youth is accepted for enrollment on another waiver program to prevent overlapping waiver enrollment.

Services: Will not change.

Payment: Will change. Youth and Family Training & Support services with dates of service September 1, 2021, forward, will be increased by 2.5%.

Changes in Method and Standards: Will not change.

State Rationale for Proposed Changes:

The WDH, Division of Healthcare Financing (DHCF), is the State appointed entity for administration of Wyoming's Medicaid program and has procured a statewide CME for youth with complex behavioral conditions. Under the opportunities provided by ARPA as described above, the reimbursement rate is being increased by 2.5% for Youth and Family Training and Support services.

An additional change will allow youth enrolled in the CMHW to be served by the CME while on a waitlist for another waiver with disenrollment from the CMHW occurring when the youth is accepted for enrollment on another waiver program to prevent overlapping waiver enrollment. This allows youth with co-occurring issues to access the needed community-based services and supports to remain in their communities while seeking appropriate services based on their needs.

Proposed Implementation Timeline:

Effective for dates of service on or after the Care Management Entity contract amendment effective date, forward, the Agency's fee for service rate for Youth and Family Training & Support will increase by 2.5%.

Impact:

State – 1.25% rate increase per service unit for Youth and Family Training & Support services.

Federal – 1.25% rate increase per service unit for Youth and Family Training & Support services.

Conference Calls:

The State will host two conference calls, one on **Friday, August 13th, 2021, 3pm to 4pm** and the second call will be held on **Friday, August 20th, 2021, 1pm to 2pm** to address questions or comments associated with this waiver a m e n d m e n t submission. Please use the following information to join:

Phone: 1-617-675-4444
PIN: 967 169 734 7620#

Comments may also be submitted in writing to the following address or email by **Friday, August 27th, 2021**. Please submit any questions in writing to the following address:

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A copy the current 1915(c) waiver amendment to be submitted is available online at <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/> (“Provider Information-Updates” section). Paper copies may be obtained directly from the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the document, please contact:

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