



Medicaid Managed Care Transition Update

There have been a number of new developments as part of New York's ongoing transition to Medicaid managed care plans.

A new enrollment and service usage requirement takes effect this month (subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services). In any county where managed care is now mandatory, new applicants for Medicaid must select a managed care provider on their application forms. If they do not, New York will choose a provider for them once they have been approved to receive Medicaid. The state is expecting this to speed up the enrollment process. Normally, Medicaid recipients will be officially enrolled with their providers as of the first of the month after eligibility has been determined. From then on, recipients will need to use providers participating in their designated managed care plans.

The following conditions will no longer result in a Medicaid recipient being exempt from enrolling in a managed care plan:

- Residing in a mental health family care home
- Having a primary care provider not participating with any managed care plan, or not having access to any participating primary care providers within 30 miles or 30 minutes
- Having a prenatal provider who does not participate in any managed care plan
- Not having access to care in his/her primary language
- Not having access to managed care-affiliated specialists for chronic medical issues
- Temporarily residing outside his/her home district
- Being classified as a Non-SSI, Seriously and Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) adult or as a Non-SSI, Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) child
- Having HIV.

Transitional care may be available for some new Medicaid managed care enrollees with pre-existing treatment plans. Non-participating providers must offer 60 days of transitional care, while participating providers must do so until a treatment plan approved by the managed care plan is implemented.

Finally, a new Subpart 360-10 is being created to consolidate all of the state's managed care regulations. You can find it [here](#).

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