

Massachusetts

Behavioral Health for Children and Adolescents (BHCA)

Provider Engagement & Training

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- Mandate Review
- Implementation Timeline and Next Steps
- Participating (Contracted) Provider Experience
- Non-Participating (Non-contracted) Provider Experience
- Provider Training
- Provider Relations Contacts



MANDATE

- Division of Insurance and the Department of Mental Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts jointly issued Bulletin 2018-07 – December 2018.
- Coverage of specific services for children and adolescents under commercial, fully insured plans that are sitused (issued) in Massachusetts.
- Effective 07/01/2019 (new and renewing plans) unless MCO elects to apply on day one.
- MCOs may elect to apply mandate to ASO plans.
- In-home behavioral services; In-home therapy; Mobile crisis intervention; Intensive care coordination; Community-based acute treatment for children and adolescents (CBAT); Intensive community-based treatment for children and adolescents (ICBAT); Family support and training (2020); and, Therapeutic mentoring services (2020).
- Optum (United Behavioral Health) is a behavioral health delegate to Allways, Connecticare, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and UnitedHealthcare.
- The Optum Massachusetts behavior network is comprised of over 15,000 providers, agencies, and facilities.



IMPLEMENTATION – Next Steps/Milestones

- Mailing of contract amendments on 06/07/2019.
- Provider training 06/17/2019 through 07/17/2019.
- Network adequacy reviews ongoing.
- Recruitment ongoing.
- Single case agreements for coverage gaps.



PARTICIPATING PROVIDER EXPERIENCE

- Contracted Providers will receive notification that their contract now allows for providers to render these services effective July 1, 2019
- Contracted Provider will receive this notification by June 7, 2019
- No further action is required on the part of contracted Providers



NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDER – Join Network

- The participation process begins with submission of the provider application
 - Go to Provider Express home page > <u>Our Network</u>; Under "Join Our Network" select "Individually-Contracted Clinicians" and respond to prompts
 - Clinicians contracting on an individual basis complete the CAQH universal application online at caqh.org
 - Agencies pursuing group contracts complete the Optum Agency application
 - Online applicants will be able to view credentialing status online
- Additional required application materials include
 - Signed Optum Provider Agreement
 - State-required credentialing documents (attestation forms, licensures)
- Approval by Optum Credentialing
- Credentialing requirements found at providerexpress.com under "Join Our Network"
- Orientation to Optum clinical and administrative protocols via webinars or review of provider resources posted on <u>providerexpress.com</u>



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Provider Training Concepts

Educational Webinars will cover, among other things, the following:

- Eligibility and Benefits
- Joining the Network and Credentialing Criteria
- Covered Services
- Initial authorization and concurrent review requirements and processes
- Level of Care Guidelines and where to locate them on providerexpress.com
- Claims Submissions (to include Codes)
- Provider Tools, Resources, and Contacts
- Phone numbers to call with questions



IMPLEMENTATION – Level of Care Guidelines



- <u>https://www.providerexpress.co</u> <u>m/content/ope-</u> <u>provexpr/us/en/clinical-</u> <u>resources.html</u>
- Clinical guidelines relating to BHCA will be available online by June 14, 2019



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