(APPROVED 9/22/2022)

June 16th, 2022 Videoconference 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Panel Members: Frederick Cohen, Chair, Kathryn Haslanger; Elisabeth Benjamin (excused); Sheila Nelson; Neil Heyman; Joel Landau (did not

connect video, absent); Jay Silverman (delayed joining due to access issues); Amber Decker; Donna Colonna (joined on and

off due to access issues); Frederick Riccardi; Ricardo Rivera-Cardona.

Due to multiple panel members having access issues and some panel members not participating via video, the Department of Health notes it is unclear whether a quorum was met

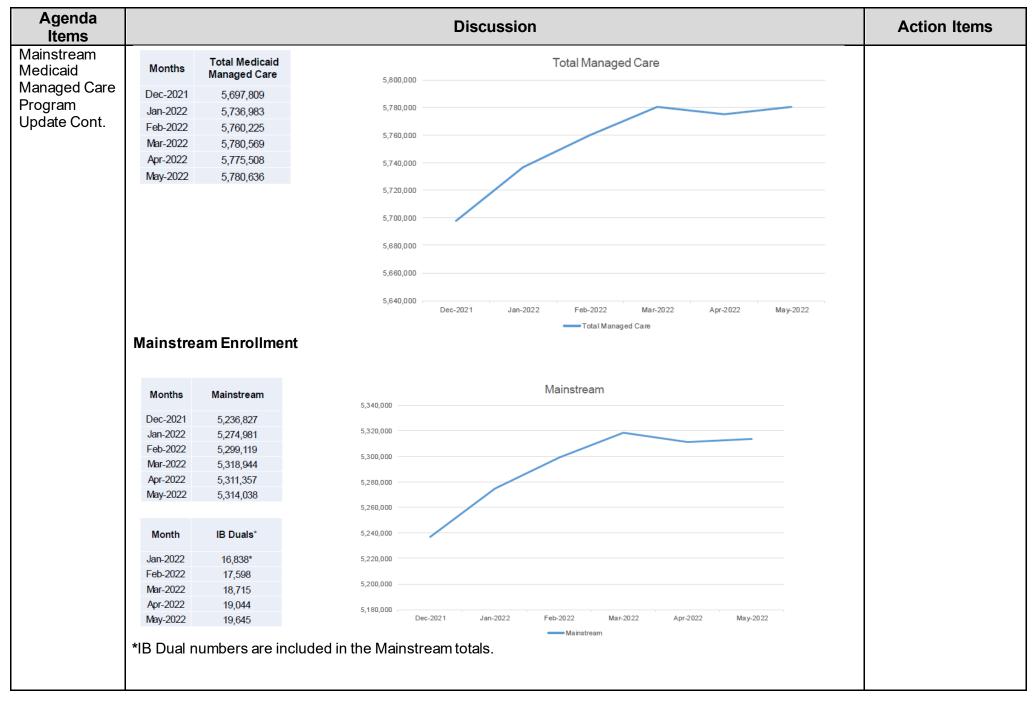
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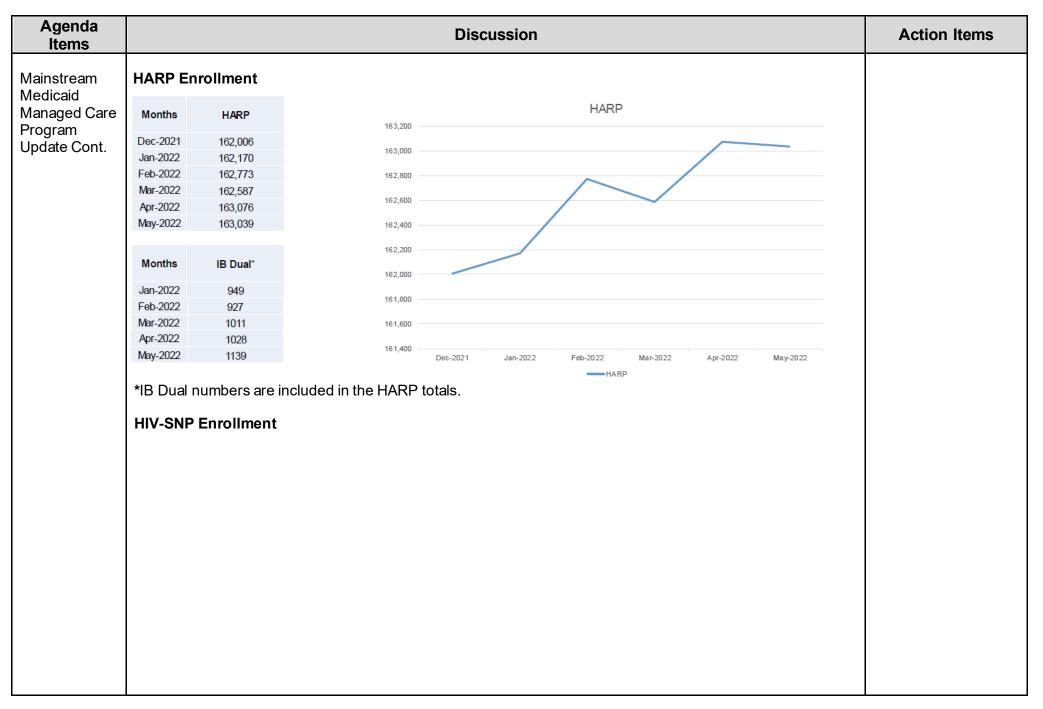
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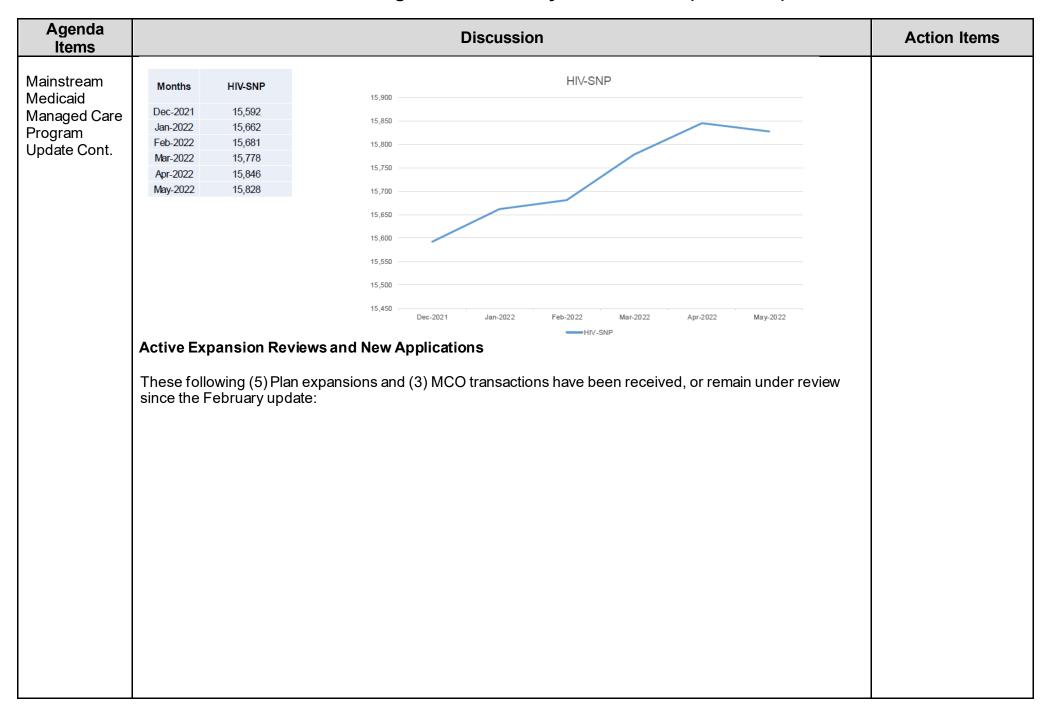
Presenters/Guests: Jonathan Bick, New York State Department of Health (DOH); Susan Montgomery (DOH); Gayle Emrich (DOH); Erin Kate

Calicchia (DOH), April Hamilton (DOH); Amir Bassiri (DOH); Selena Hajiani (DOH).

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Discussion and review of 2-17-2022 minutes	The 2/17/2022 minutes were unanimously approved.	
MMCARP Bylaw Subcommittee Update	Erin Kate Calicchia (NYSDOH), reported the following: The final draft of the proposed adoption, which incorporated edits from subcommittee members who commented, was circulated to the subcommittee last week. Due to the scheduled absence of one subcommittee member, a motion was made to delay adoption of the bylaws.	Motion Passed: Approval of the bylaws will be tabled until the next MMCARP meeting, September 22, 2022.
Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Program Update	Jonathan Bick (NYSDOH), reported the following: Enrollment and MCO Expansion/Applications Enrollment Update Enrollment figures for all programs are included in the meeting information we sent to you • Enrollment Statistics • Enrollment Broker Counties-Overall Activity Report Auto-assignment figures have also been provided • Auto Assignment Rates • Auto Assignment Rates for the SSI Population Graph Total Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment	







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Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Program Update Cont.	Active Expansion Reviews * AmidaCare- Submitted an expansion application to provide HIV SNP services in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Review paused due to Covid pandemic. HIP/Emblem- Submitted an expansion application to provide MMC, HARP, EP services in Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Schenectady counties. Review paused per request from HIP due to Covid pandemic. Highmark- Submitted a line of business expansion to provide HARP services in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming counties. Metro Plus Health Plan- Submitted a line of business expansion to provide HIV SNP services in Richmond County. HIV SNP provider network currently under review. MVP- Submitted an application to expand their Medicaid, CHP, and HARP lines of business into the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, and St. Lawrence counties.		New Applications Partner's Health Plan (PHP) has been conditionally certified as an Article 44 mainstream HMO in NYS. Hamaspik Inc. has applied to be certified as an Article 44 mainstream HMO in NYS. TriADD dba MY COMPASS-Has applied to be certified as an Article 44 mainstream HMO in all 62 counties in NYS. * Due to COVID-19 many of the expansions have been delayed as a result of MCOs shifting resources during the statewide emergency.	
	New Benefits/Populations & Benefit Changes Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treat Coverage Benefit Effective June 1, 2022, Medicaid Managed Care (MM SNPs will reimburse providers for pediatric vaccine counscreening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) progratof age or younger. Please note: Vaccine counseling visits for Coronaverimbursed separately. Providers can refer to the Understanding Coronaverimbursed separately. Providers can refer to the Understanding Coronavers (Coronavers) and C			

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	Non-Invasive Prenatal Screening for Trisomy 21, 18, and 13 Policy	
Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Program Update Cont.	Effective July 1, 2022, Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Plans, including MMC Plans, HIV SNPs, and HARPs coverage of non-invasive prenatal trisomy screening, a form of non-invasive prenatal screening (NIPS), using cell-free fetal DNA, will be expanded to include members of any age, beyond the former coverage of individuals who meet risk criteria and/or are 30 years of age or older. This coverage included both singleton and twin pregnancies, but not higher multi-gestational pregnancies.	
	More information can be found in the April 2022 Medicaid Update.	
	COVID-19 Update	
	The Department has developed a COVID-19 Fact Sheet. MMC Plans were instructed to post the fact sheet to the plan website and disseminate to member services staff to provide to members inquiring about COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatment. In addition, the Department suggested that MMC Plans provide this fact sheets at Plan offices and public facing events, as well as sharing the fact sheet with Plan contracted network providers.	
	The Department is working on translating the COVID-19 Fact Sheet into other languages and will post them once they are complete.	
	The link to the document is below. • https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/members/member_factsheets.htm	
	1115 Waiver Application Update Update –1115 Waiver Amendment: Making Evidence-Based Investments to Address the Health Disparities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic	

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Mainstream	Activity	Date	
Medicaid	Public & Tribal Comment Periods	April 13, 2022 – May 20, 2022	
Managed Care Program	Public Hearings 1 & 2	May 3, 2022 and May 10, 2022	
Update Cont.	Target Date to Incorporate Public Comments and Finalize Amendment	July 1, 2022	
	Target Date for Formal Submission of Amendment Application to CMS	July 25, 2022	
	Federal Public Comment Period	July 30, 2022 - August 29, 2022	
	CMS & New York Negotiate Terms of Amendment	Potentially Beginning Summer 2022	
	Target Implementation Date	January 1, 2023	
	 Surprises Act. Amended state statutes achieve consistency of protections. For Public Health Law Article 44 certified heal QHP. DOH will update MCO-Provider contract Stander DOH will update Medicaid model contracts and health plans. The following slides provide a summary of key Contract Provisions PHL 4406-c adds new subdivision (11) Consistall include: 	Health Law (and Insurance Law) with the federal No of provider and plan responsibilities and consumer th plans, applies to Medicaid managed care, EP, CHP and dard Clauses to include new requirements for providers. It is to incorporate new requirements for y changes. It is tract between a health care plan and health care provider to have in place business processes to ensure the provider to have in place business processes to ensure the provider to have in place business processes.	

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	 A health care provider shall submit such provider directory information to a health care plan, at a minimum: when provider begins or terminates its network agreement; 	
	 where there are material changes to the content of the provider directory information; and 	
	 at any other time as determined appropriate, including at the health care plan's request. 	
	 Provider directory information shall include: name, address, specialty, telephone number, and digital contact information; 	
	whether the provider is accepting new patients;	
	 for mental health and substance use disorder services providers, any affiliations with participating facilities certified or authorized by the OMH or OASAS, and any restrictions regarding availability of the individual provider's services; and 	
	 for physicians, board certifications, languages spoken, and any affiliations with participating hospitals. 	
	Continuity of Care	
	 Amends PHL 4403 to include new requirements to: Provide notice to enrollee when provider leaves network (except for reasons that do not require provider to be given a hearing); 	
	 Increases the transitional care period from up to 90 days to 90s days from either the date of notice or the effective date of termination, whichever is later; 	
	 For pregnant enrollees, extends continuity of care for the duration of pregnancy and post partum care directly related to delivery; 	
	 Requires health care provider to accept reimbursement from health care plan at the rates applicable prior to the start of the transition period and to continue to accept the in-network cost- sharing from the enrollee as payment in full; and 	
	 Requires health care provider to adhere to the health care plan's quality assurance requirements and to provide to the organization necessary medical information related to such care; 	
	 Requires the health care provider to adhere to the health care plan's policies and procedures including but not limited to, procedures of referrals, obtaining prior authorization, and treatment plan approval. 	
2022-23	Amir Bassiri & Selena Hajiani (NYSDOH), reported the following:	
Enacted	FY 2023 Enacted Medicaid Legislation	

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Medicaid Budget	Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) Part D: Health Care Workforce Bonuses. – Moved to ELFA bill part ZZ Part H: Global Cap Metric Update Part I: 1% ATB Increase. Part J: Hospital Rebasing Part M: NH Reforms Part N: Health Equity and Continuity of Coverage for Vulnerable Seniors – Moved to ELFA bill Part AAA Part O: LTC Program Reforms Part P: Managed Care Reforms Part Q: Marketplace Waiver and Essential Plan Expansion – Moved to ELFA bill Part BBB Part S: Maternal Health Actions – Moved to ELFA bill Part CCC Part U: Child Health Plus Program Expansion – Moved to ELFA bill Part DDD Part V: Telehealth Parity Part W: Utilization Threshold Program Part BB: Pharmacy – Discontinues Prescriber Prevails I/O Part PP (Senate Part XX): CDPAP/FI.	Education, Labor, Family Assistance (ELFA) Part XX (Senate HMH Part RR/Assembly HMH Part TT): Minimum Wage for Home Care Workers. Part ZZ: Health Care Workforce Bonuses Part AAA: Health Equity and Continuity of Coverage for Vulnerable Seniors Part BBB: Marketplace Waive and Essential Plan Expansion Part CCC: Maternal Health Actions Part DDD: Child Health Plus Program Expansion Public Protection & General Government (PPGG) Part KK (Senate PPGG Part II): Fees and Charges for Emergency Medical Services	
2022-23 Enacted	 Part QQ (Senate Part TT): Competitive Bidding Requirements. Part RR (Assembly Part UU): Distressed Provider Assistance Account Executive Proposals Accepted without Material Modification Global Cap Article VII (HMH -Part H) The SFY 2022-23 Enacted Budget includes the modificancy of the medical component Medicaid spending annual growth rate within the N Office of the Actuary in the Centers for Medicare & 	ications odification of the Global Cap metric moving from the of the CPI to the five-year rolling average of ational Health Expenditure Accounts produced by	

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Medicaid	Global Cap Variance	2		
Budget	Current Global Cap Growth			
	(\$ millions) FY2022	FY2023 FY2024 FY2025		
	DOH Global Cap \$20,572	\$21,172 \$21,749 \$22,333		
	Year to Year Change 2.9%	2.9% 2.7% 2.7%		
	CMS Office of the Actuary Medicaid Projections - 5-Y	ear Rolling Average		
	(\$ millions) FY2022	FY2023 FY2024 FY2025		
	DOH Global Cap \$20,572	\$21,538 \$22,649 \$23,875		
	Year to Year Change 2.9%	4.7% 5.2% 5.4%		
	Current Global Cap to CMS Variance			
	(\$ millions) FY2022	FY2023 FY2024 FY2025		
	DOH Global Cap - Variance \$0	\$366 \$899 \$1,542		
	Year to Year Change - Variance 0.0%	1.8% 2.4% 2.7%		
	because it considers utilization, enrolln growth of state Medicaid spending sign Managed Care Adjust HIV-Special Needs Plans (HIV SNP) Increases all three HIV SNPs to higher population. Moving Integrated Plans to Middle of the Ra	nificantly (>\$3 billion) over the Plan Rates –Administrative points in the actuarial rate rar	next three years.	
	 Invests \$40M gross (\$20M State share the mid-point of the actuarial rate range care. National Cancer Institute (NCI) Designated Requires health plans offering Medical willing national cancer institute-designated Long Term Care (LTC) 	e, providing an accelerated an Cancer Care –Article VII (HI d, Essential Plan and Qualifie	MH Part P)	
	Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS) (HMH Part O)	Services Authorization Guid	delines –Article VII	

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2022-23 Enacted Medicaid Budget	 This proposal modifies the MRT II proposal from requiring the implementation of a single uniform tasking tool to a requirement that tasking tools used by plans and LDSS meet specific service authorization guidelines and standards. These standards will be developed by the Department, in consultation with subject matter experts. 	
	Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA) Request for Offer (RFO) Refinement – Administrative	
	This proposal incorporates an administrative efficiency component into the selection process for the LHCSA RFO that was authorized as part of the FY 2020 Enacted budget (MRT II Reforms).	
	Maternal Health	
	Improve and Expand Access to Prenatal and Postnatal Care – Administrative In alignment with evidence-based guidelines and best practices, access to comprehensive maternal health services will be expanded through new or expanded Medicaid reimbursement, to include: • Reimbursement for Registered Dietitians for Nutrition Services provided to pregnant and postpartum populations • Reimbursement for Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Patient Family Navigators (PFNs) for care coordination and peer support services provided to pregnant and postpartum populations • Coverage of Bluetooth-enabled devices in reimbursement for telehealth/remote patient monitoring services • Alignment of billing and reimbursement policy to support a two-generational integrated approach to the delivery of primary prevention services for young children and their caregivers (dyadic services) • Increase in reimbursement rate for Midwifery services • Expanded coverage of non-invasive prenatal trisomy screening (NIPS) to include pregnant people of any age	
	Advance Comprehensive Maternal Care in Managed Care – Administrative Invest in two quality incentive funding pools, one for community perinatal care providers and one for labor and delivery hospitals, to be distributed through a state-directed Value-Based Payment arranged through Medicaid Managed Care Payments to providers may be earned based on reporting and performing across state-selected measures of clinical quality and maternal health outcomes.	
	Other Actions harrol OHIDIDHDCO/Dianning/MMCAPD/2022 Montings/MINI/ITES/Approved/ADDDO/FD MMCAPD 2022, June 16 Minutes door	

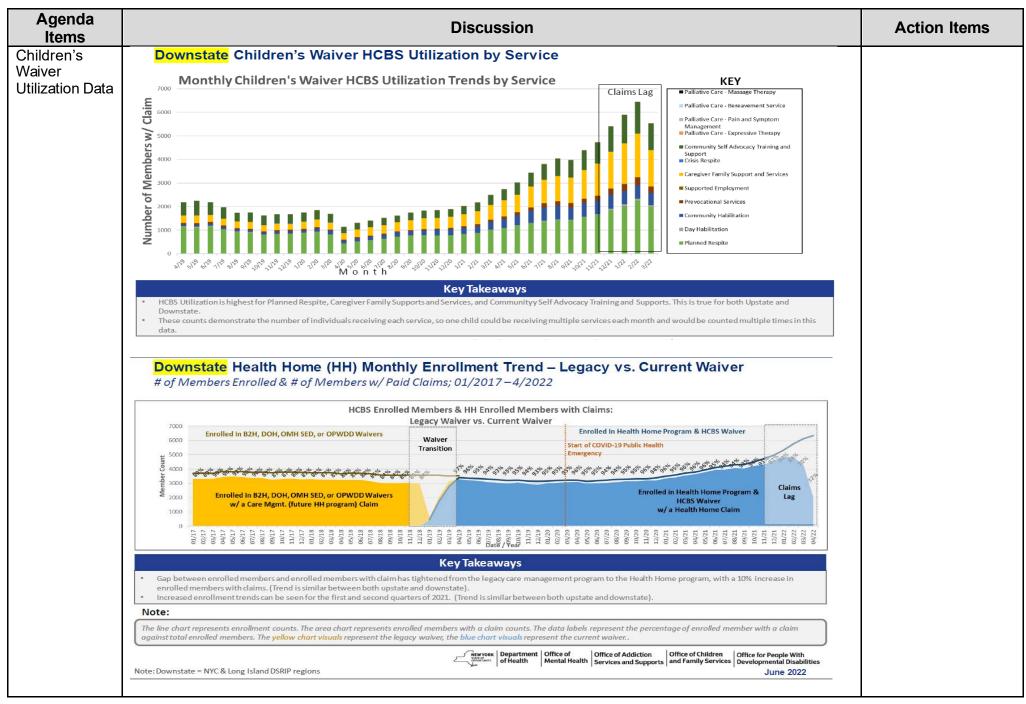
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2022-23 Enacted Medicaid Budget	Increase Medicaid Tren The State is making rates across the beautified.						
	increased to a 1.5	Across the Board (AT d a 1% ATB payment red 5% ATB reduction effecti d effective April 1, 2022 i	duction effective J ve April 2, 2020, a	anuary 1, 2020 –Ap ınd each Fiscal Yea			
	Promote Access to Prir	nary Care –Administra	tive				
		mbursement rates for nbursement rates.					
	Applied Behavior Analy This proposal will reimbursement w	rto align Medicaid					
	and Family Treati	Rate Increases -Admin ursement rates for Childr ment and Support Servic ing service capacity.	en's Home and Co				
	Program	Previous Adjustments	4/1/21-3/31/22	4/1/22- 9/30/22	10/1/2022 and beyond		
	HCBS	N/A	+ 25%	+ 25%	Updated Base Rates		
	CFTSS	+11% (1)	+ 14%	+ 25%	Updated Base Rates		
	29-I Health Facility (1) Effective 4/1/20-3/1/22; (2) Effective 4/1/20-3/1/22;	N/A tive 7/1/21	+ 25% (2)	+ 25%	Base Rates		
	Executive and One-House Budget Proposals Enacted with Material Modifications Managed Care Reforms Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Procurement Study –Article VII (HMH Part P)						
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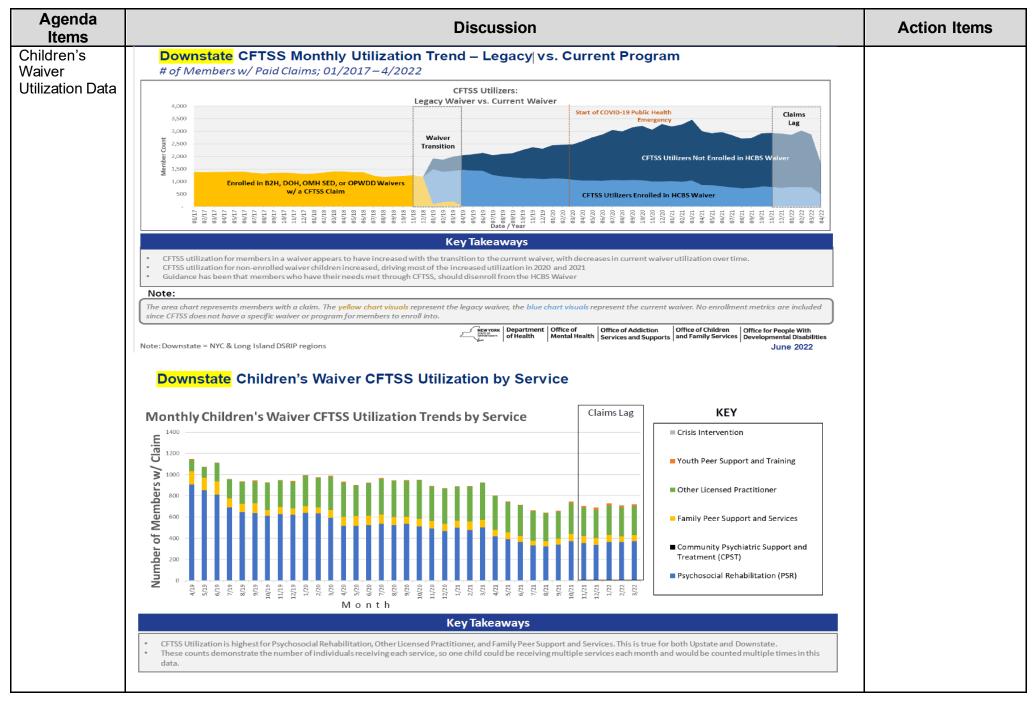
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2022-23 Enacted Medicaid Budget	 Requires DOH to review and make recommendations on the status of services offered by MCOs contracting with the state to manage services provided under the Medicaid program; the purpose of such study is to inform the development of a plan to reform the delivery of services offered by MCOs in the Medicaid program (report due to Governor and the Legislature by October 31, 2022). 	
	Restore the MMC/MLTC Quality Pools (Modified to one year restoration) –Administrative	
	 Restores FY 2023 dollars associated with Quality Incentive (QI) Pool payment funding that was cut as part of the FY 2021 Enacted Budget for both Mainstream Managed Care (MMC) and Managed Long- Term Care (MLTC)restoring \$60M (State Share) for the MMC Quality Pool and \$17.25M (State Share) for the MLTC Quality Pool. 	
	Raising the income level for seniors and individuals with disabilities to 138% FPL Article VII –ELFA Part AAA	
	 Consistent with Part N of the Executive Budget, this provision change raises the income level for Aged, Blind, and Disabled (Non-MAGI), Low-Income Families and other Medically Needy adults to 138% of the FPL. (Effective 1/1/23) 	
	 While this provision change does not fully eliminate the spend-down program, it raises the income level so that very low-income enrollees between 87% and 138% of the FPL can maintain their eligibility as they transition from the adult eligibility category to over 65 or disabled eligibility category. 	
	 The Enacted Budget modifies Part N of the Executive Budget by maintaining the statutory structure for resources resulting in a limited increase in the resource level as the resource cap is tied to 150% of the income limit. Currently the annual resource cap is \$16,800 for a household of 1. Raising the income limit to 138% FPL increases the resource cap to \$28,133. 	
	Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) Eligibility Level Increases Article VII –ELFA Part AAA	
	Increased MSP levels will help vulnerable seniors and individuals with disabilities access Medicare.	
	 By increasing QMB to 138% of the FPL to align with the new threshold for non-MAGI eligibility above and QI to 186% of the FPL, this modified enacted budget proposal improves access to Medicare for more than 100,000 New Yorkers. 	

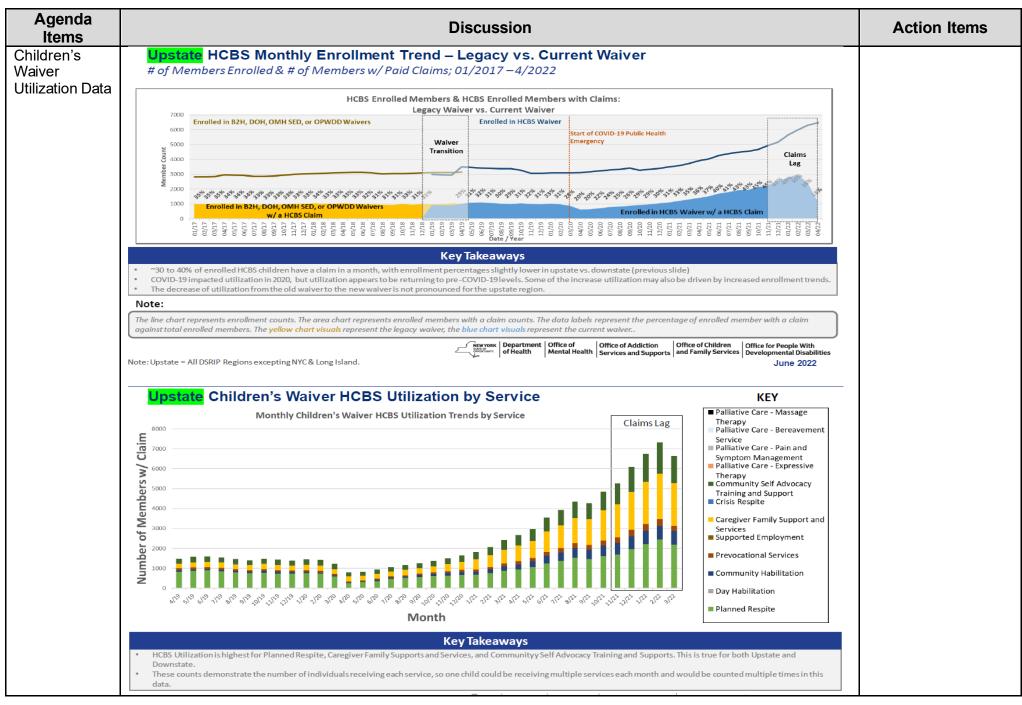
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	MSP Benefit Levels	Current Eligibility	New Eligibility	Coverage	Funding	
2022-23 Enacted Medicaid	Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB)	<=100% FPL	<=138% FPL	Medicare Part A premium (hospital) as well as the Part B premium (outpatient services), deductibles and coinsurances.	State/Fed (50%/50%)	
Budget	Specified Low-Income Beneficiaries (SLMB)	>100-<120% FPL	ELIMINATED	Medicare Part B premium	State/Fed (50%/50%)	
	Qualified Individuals (QI)	≥120-≤135% FPL	138-186% FPL		Fed (100%)	
	Subsidy ("LIS"), of EPIC program will expanded to 1869 Seniors in the EP New/Added Proposals Minimum Wage Increase Article VII –ELFA Part X Increases the statements Beginning October	r Extra Help prog I now qualify for I % FPL. This woul IC program as the Included in Enac Se for Home Care X Eutory minimum weer 1, 2022 the min	gram, which helps Low-Income Subsidered to the state and would automate the Budget and Workers and wage by \$3.00 pe	Medicare beneficiary into the Part D pay prescription drug costs66,00 sidy (LIS) Extra Help because MSP e support with Part D premiums/claitically qualify for LIS under this expanse in the part of the phased in over the presence of the phase of the	00 seniors in the is being ms for these ansion.	
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		Region	10/1/22			
		NYC/LI/Wes				
		Rest of Sta	te \$15.20	\$16.90		

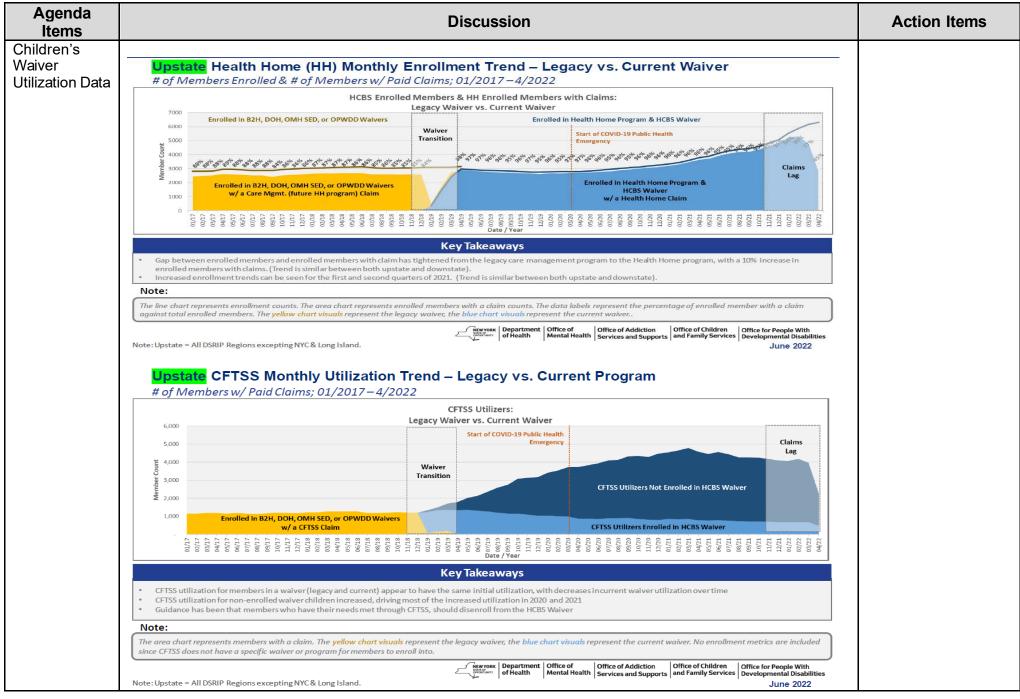
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2022-23 Enacted Medicaid	The Department will begin working waccount for this minimum wage increasetuarially sound manner and include amounts should be paid from plans to			
Budget	2022-23 State	mpact 2023-24 State Imp	pact	
	\$362.58N			
		oated (pending CMS approval) to fully fur ses in FY23 and partially in FY24.	nd	
	Medicaid Coverage Expansion Expansion of Post-Partum Coverage Artic	e VII –ELFA Part CCC	·	
	Expands Post-Partum Coverage from (regardless of their immigration status)			
	Extends postpartum coverage to app otherwise uninsured with state only for			
	• Implementation Date: 3/1/23			
	Medicaid Coverage for Undocumented Ag			
	 Provides Comprehensive health cove funding (effective 1/1/23 however enre 			
	 The benefits and services will be equi which provides coverage to ~6 million 		d Care benefit (as of 1/1/23)	
	Estimated to provide comprehensive and older who would be otherwise un			
	Competitive Bidding Requirements Article VII –HMH Part QQ			
	 Provides an end date of 8/19/26 for the for the Enrollment Broker/CFEEC/Indexithout the need to conduct a compet 			
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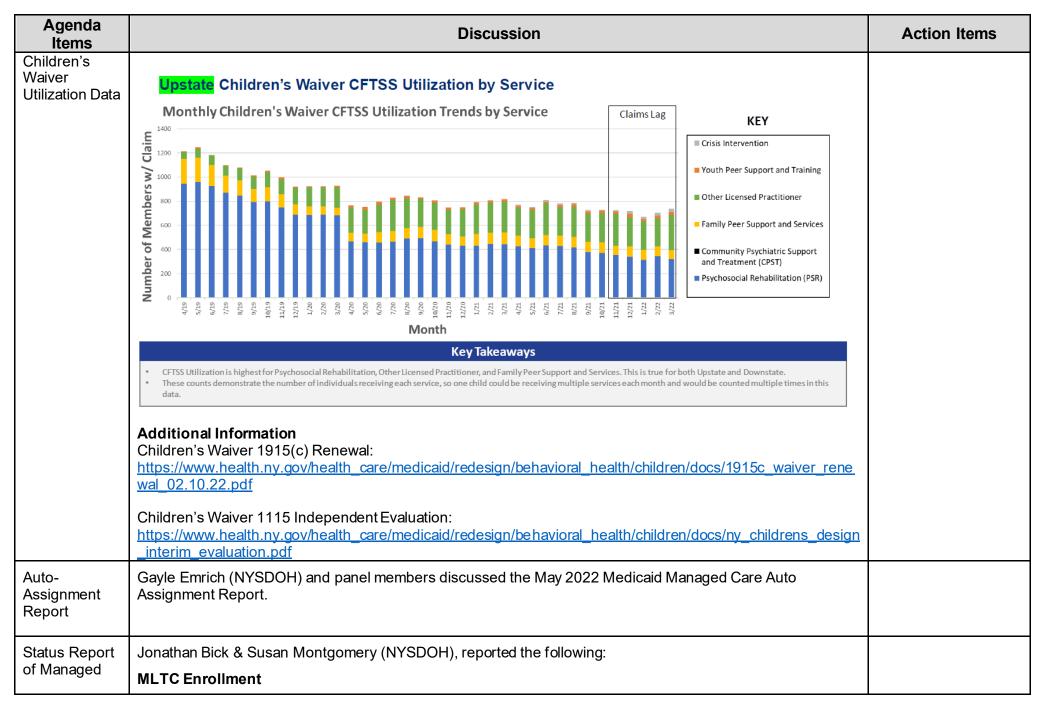
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2022-23 Enacted Medicaid Budget	DOH will conduct a competitive procurement for continuation of these services following the contract expiration dates. Resources Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt_budget.htm MRT Budget Information. Email: mrtupdates@health.ny.gov DOH Medicaid Update: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/main.htm	
Children's Waiver	MRT LISTSERV: https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/listserv.htm April Hamilton (NYSDOH), reported the following:	
Children's Waiver Utilization Data	Downstate HCBS Monthly Enrollment Trend – Legacy vs. Current Waiver # of Members Enrolled & # of Members w/ Paid Claims; 01/2017 – 4/2022 HCBS Enrolled Members & HCBS Enrolled Members with Claims: Legacy Waiver vs. Current Waiver Enrolled in B2H, DOH, OMH SED, or OPWDD Waiver	

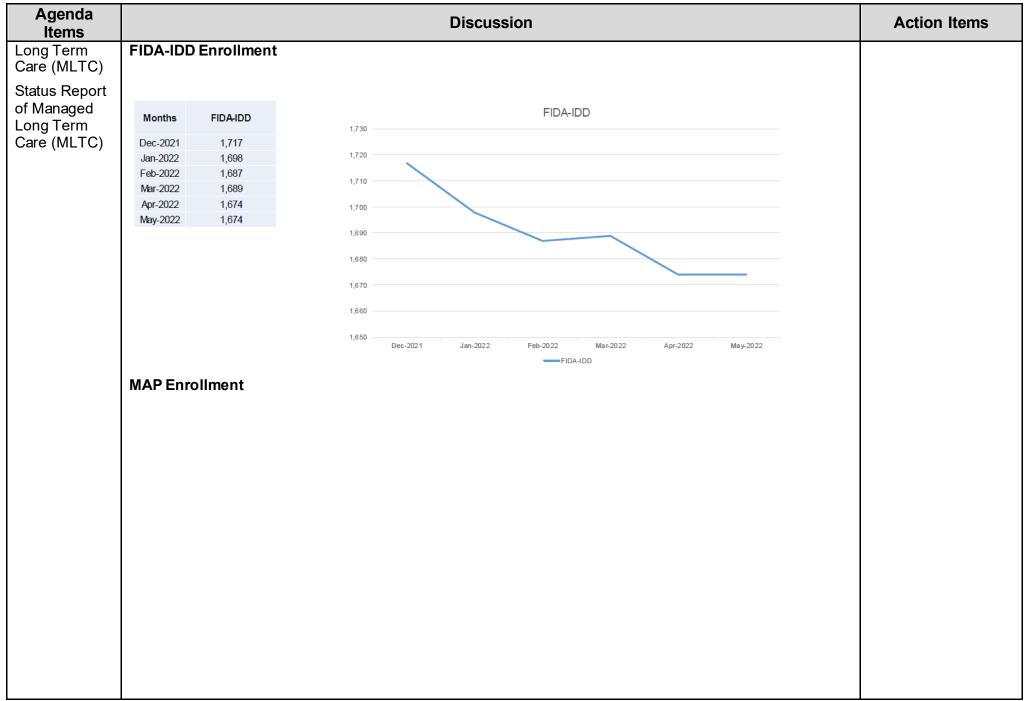




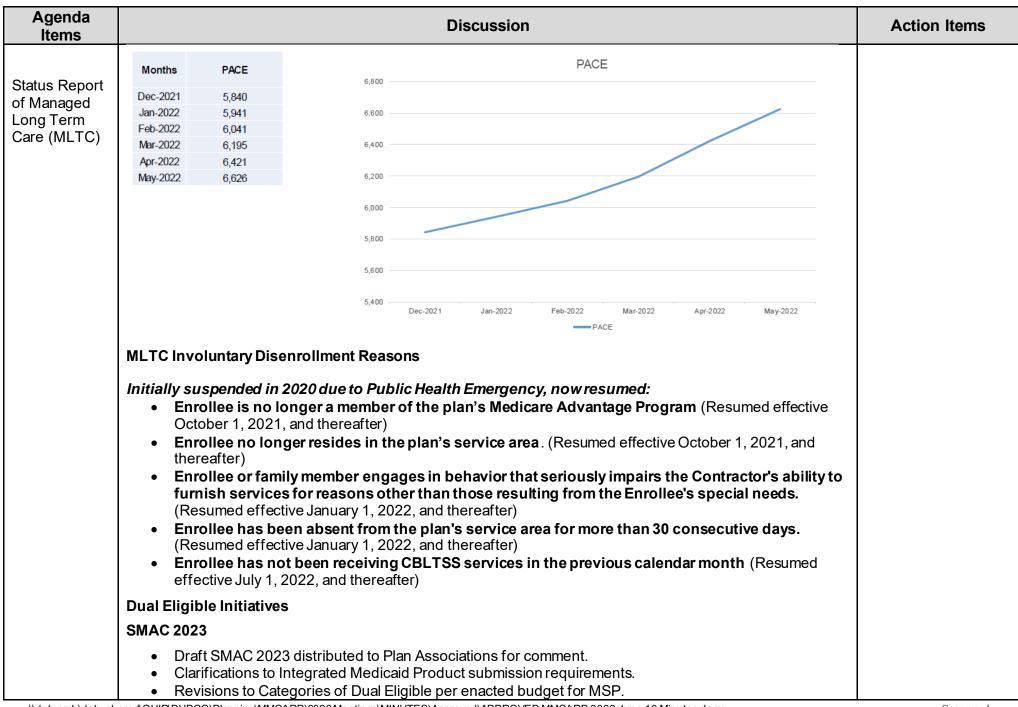












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Status Report of Managed Long Term	MAP A&G Demo Beneficiary Survey	
	CMS conducting survey regarding beneficiary experience under MAP integrated A&G Demo.	
Care (MLTC)	Sample of MAP participating health plans selected.	
	Surveys to be completed by end of May.	
	PHE Unwind Activity	
	Developing guidance for unwind and impact on default enrollment process.	
	 Medicaid FFS Pathway: Allow FFS duals to enroll into Mainstream managed care with an aligned D SNP. 	
	Medicaid Advantage Plus (MAP)	
	Behavioral Health carve-in on track for 1/1/2023.	
	Readiness reviews currently underway	
	Duals Roadmap-Public Comments	
	Posted for public comment in March 2022.	
	Outlines DOH strategy for expanding integrated care options for dual eligibles	
	Public comments focused on the following:	
	Quality metrics to assist consumers in plan reviews.	
	Engage in Medicare savings demo opportunities for integrated care.	
	Evaluating impact of daily care management activities in integrated plans.	
	Encouraging focus on MAP education for consumers and providers.	
	Develop data sharing initiatives with providers to identify and promote integrated plans to their patients.	
	New York Independent Assessor	
	Overview	
	MLTC Enrollment and CFEEC	
	In 2014, DOH began the Conflict-Free Evaluation and Enrollment Center (CFEEC) to provide conflict-free assessments for Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) eligibility.	

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Status Report of Managed	 CFEEC provided initial evaluations using the Community Health Assessment on the Uniform Assessment System for New York (UAS-NY) system. 	
Long Term Care (MLTC)	 CFEEC determined if a consumer is eligible MLTC plan enrollment, if there was a need for Community Based Long Term Care for more than 120 days. 	
	2020 Medicaid Redesign Team II	
	 MRT II recommended, and the SFY 20-21 Budget authorized, the Department of Health to contract with an entity to conduct an independent assessment process for individuals seeking Community Based Long Term Services and Supports, including Personal Care Services (PCS) and Consumer Directed Personal Care Services (CDPAS). 	
	New York Independent Assessor (NYIA)	
	 NYS regulations at 18 NYCRR 505.14(b)(2)(i) and 505.28(d)(1) were amended to require that an independent assessor be established to conduct a single Community Health Assessment (CHA) to determine the need for PCS/CDPAS and determine MLTC plan eligibility. 	
	 The current Conflict Free Evaluation and Enrollment Center (CFEEC) is now part of the New York Independent Assessor (NYIA) under the contract with MAXIMUS. 	
	NYIA- Nurse Assessment	
	Effective May 16, 2022:	
	 The NYIA began conducting all initial assessments using the UAS-NY Community Health Assessment for adults (18 years of age and over) prior to the required medical exam. 	
	 This NYIA assessment will serve as the only assessment for an individual to obtain PCS/CDPAS and MLTC eligibility. 	
	NYIA Practitioner Order	
	 Adults (18 years of age and over) seeking PCS and/or CDPAS for the first time will no longer be required to ask their physician to complete a physician order form (DOH-4359 and HCSP-M11Q) to begin the process of requesting PCS/CDPAS 	
	 The medical exam will now be conducted by the NYIA Independent Practitioner Panel (IPP), which will then complete a Practitioner Order (PO) form for review by the LDSS or Medicaid MCO. 	
	 Practitioners able to sign the NYIA PO forms include the following provider types: MDs, DOs, NPs, PAs, and specialist assistants. 	

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Status Report of Managed	 Unless the individual's condition changes, the NYIA CHA and PO will be in place for 12 months and will be used to develop a plan of care. 	
Long Term	NYIA Independent Review Panel (IRP)	
Care (MLTC)	 For high needs cases, additional medical review is required to be conducted the first time an authorization for PCS/CDPAS exceeds twelve (12) hours a day, on average. 	
	This review conducted by an Independent Review Panel (IRP) under the NYIA.	
	The IRP will review the individual's CHA, PO and Plan of Care (POC), and may request additional documents and consult with individual's practitioners.	
	The IRP will then develop a recommendation as to whether the proposed POC is reasonable and appropriate to maintain the individual's health and safety at home.	
	 The IRP recommendation may include suggested changes in scope, type, amount, or duration of services but cannot specify a recommended number of hours. 	
	Transition Timelines	
	 Implementation of the assessment process, independent practitioner panel and independent review panel for adults began on May 16, 2022. 	
	Implementation of NYIA includes:	
	o all initial assessment activity for:	
	 Mainstream Medicaid managed care enrollees seeking CBLTSS, 	
	■ individuals seeking MLTC eligibility and enrollment, and	
	■ FFS/unenrolled individuals.	
	At a date yet to be determined, the NYIA will:	
	 Conduct all reassessments, including both routine annual and non-routine due to sudden change in condition or return to community assessments. 	
	 Provide notice as to whether assessed individuals meet the new minimum needs requirement standard for both services and determining eligibility to enroll in an MLTC plan, as applicable, and 	
	Assess and reassess children ages 4-17	
	Transition Timelines-what will NOT begin	

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Status Report of Managed	 The following regulatory change will NOT be implemented on May16 and will be delayed until further notice. 	
Long Term Care (MLTC)	 DOH is NOT beginning Minimum Needs Criteria with the NYIA transition on May 16. This MRT II provision states: 	
	 Individuals with dementia or Alzheimer's must need at least supervision with more than one ADL, and 	
	 All others must need at least limited assistance with physical maneuvering with more than two ADLs 	
	 Further notice on an implementation will occur when this change is confirmed. Implementation is contingent upon: 	
	 Independent Assessor's ability to launch these provisions 	
	 Continued MOE restrictions under FFCRA/ARPA such that continuation of any FPE and spending plans will inform, and could further delay, implementation 	
	Current eligibility criteria will continue to apply.	
	NYIA Processes	
	NYIA Operations	
	 The NYIA hours of operation for the Call Center are M-F 8:30 am –8:00 pm and Saturdays from 10am – 6pm. 	
	 The nurse assessment (CHA) and the clinical appointment will be scheduled Mon-Fri from 8:30 am – 5:00pm and Sat-Sun from 10am –6pm. 	
	Consumers will schedule both appointments when they call the NYIA.	
	MLTC Enrollment and education protocols are not changing from CFEEC protocols.	
	NYIA Process for Initial Assessments	

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Status Report of Managed Long Term Care (MLTC)	A consumer/caregiver, local district or plan can call the NYIA tollfree helpline to request an initial assessment. The number is 855-222-8350 .	
	NYIA will verify that consumers have active Medicaid eligibility. Consumers without Medicaid will be referred to their LDSS.	
	Once the individual has Medicaid, the NYIA will schedule an initial CHA and a Clinical Appointment during the same phone call. Reminder calls to consumers/caregivers will be initiated 24-48 hours before the appointment.	
	When scheduling the CHA and CA, the NYIA will offer consumers the option of completing each via two modalities: live video or face-to-face.	
	 Upon completion of the CHA and the CA, consumers will receive a Notice from the NYIA on the outcome of the assessment process. 	
	Notice will indicate eligibility for CBLTSS, and, if applicable, enrollment in an MLTC product.	
	 Individuals will be instructed to contact the plan in which they are enrolled (MMC), or the NYIA for education and enrollment options. 	
	 Denial notices sent by the IA for PCS/CDPAS or MLTC plan eligibility will include Conference and Fair Hearing language. 	
	Summary	
	The New York Independent Assessor process WILL:	
	 Be administered through an executed contract between the Department of Health and MAXIMUS Health Services, Inc. 	
	 Replace the current CFEEC process; assessments conducted by the NYIA will assess for both service and MLTC plan eligibility 	
	 Change what entity conducts initial assessments for State Plan personal care and consumer directed personal assistance services (PCS/CDPAS) 	

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	 Change who conducts the medical exam and signs the practitioner's order for services 	
	 Switch the order in which the assessment and practitioner order occur 	
	 Require an independent review of high needs cases the first time the plan of care has more than 12 hours per day, on average 	
	 The New York Independent Assessor process WILL NOT change: The assessment tool –this remains the Community Health Assessment tool in the UAS-NY system 	
	 What entity develops the Plan of Care for personal care and consumer directed personal assistance services (PCS/CDPAS) and other CBLTSS 	
	 Who conducts reassessments for ALP, ADHC or PACE programs 	
	 The minimum eligibility criteria for receiving PCS and CDPAS –this change will be a separate process to take place at a date still to be determined 	
	 The entity responsible for ongoing care planning/management of the individual 	
Public Comment	Public Comment 1 : Rebecca Novick, Legal Aid Society, requested that the panel receive a presentation on the Managed Care compliant line for mainstream and long term care. A number of advocates have questions as to what extent these lines are doing investigations. What happens to complaints and investigations that come out of complaints? Would like more information on who handles complaints, reporting, and statistics of resolutions.	Motion Passed: The panel requested a presentation on the mainstream and long term care complaint process, reporting, and statistics of resolution.
Public Comment	Public Comment 2: David Silva suggested that the panel receive more detailed statistics regarding NYIA.	The Department will provide a presentation at the September 22 nd meeting.
		No Motion: The panel requested a presentation on how the NYIA is performing in 6 months.
		The Department will provide a presentation

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		at an upcoming MMCARP meeting.
	Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm	

ACRONYMS & INITIALISMS

ADL	Activity of Daily Living
ADM	Administrative Directive Memorandum
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
BH	Behavioral Health
CBAA	Certified Behavior Analyst Assistant
CBLTC	Community Based Long Term Care
CBLTSS	Community Based Long Term Services and Supports
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDPAP	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program
CDPAS	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services
CFCO	Community First Choice Option
CFEEC	Conflict-Free Evaluation and Enrollment Center
CFTSS	Children and Family Treatment and Support Services
CHA	Community Health Assessment
CHP	Child Health Plus
CMA	Care Management Agency
CMHA	Community Mental Health Assessment
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DOH	Department of Health
DOL	Department of Labor
D-SNP	Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans
EP	Essential Plan
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FFS	Fee for Service
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FIDA	Fully Integrated Duals Advantage

FIDA-IDD	Fully Integrated Duals Advantage-Individuals with
	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FY	Fiscal Year
HARP	Health and Recovery Plan
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HERO	Health Equity Regional Organization
HIV SNP	HIV Special Needs Plan
IADL	Instrumental Activity of Daily Living
IB-Dual	Integrated Benefits for Dually Eligible Enrollees
IPP	Independent Practitioner Panel
IRP	Independent Review Panel
JAC	Joint Advisory Council
LBA	Licensed Behavior Analyst
LDSS	Local Department of Social Services
LGU	Local Government Unit
LHCSA	Licensed Home Care Services Agencies
LTNHS	Long Term Nursing Home Stay
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MLTC	Managed Long Term Care
MMC	Medicaid Managed Care
MMCARP	Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Review Panel
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRT	Medicaid Redesign Team
NHTD	Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver
NYC	New York City
NYIA	New York Independent Assessor
NYSDOH	New York State Department of Health
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OASAS	Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
OHIP	Office of Health Insurance Programs
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OMIG	Office of Medicaid Inspector General
OTC	Over the Counter (Drug)
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PCS	Personal Care Services (Medicaid State Plan)
PHIP	Population Health Improvement Program
PNDS	Provider Network Data System
POC	Plan of Care
PPS	Performing Provider System

RFP	Request for Proposals
ROS	Rest of State
RPC	Regional Planning Consortium
SBHC	School Based Health Center
SDHN	Social Determinants of Health Network
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCM	Targeted Case Management
VBP	Value Based Payment
WIO	Workforce Investment Organizations