



**Department
of Health**

**Office of
Mental Health**

**Office of Alcoholism and
Substance Abuse Services**

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Effective July 1, 2016, Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plans in counties outside of New York City will begin covering expanded behavioral health services for adults (21 and over). Also effective July 1, 2016, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) will begin enrollment of eligible recipients with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorders (SUD). Beginning October 1, 2016 HARPs outside NYC will offer members access to enhanced behavioral health home and community-based services (BH HCBS).

This transition is based on the work of the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) with the goal to promote better health, better care, greater access, and lower costs. Through a transformation of the system of care, all behavioral health services will be delivered in a way that is:

- Person-centered
- Recovery-oriented
- Integrated
- Data-driven
- Evidence-based

Through the efforts of all involved stakeholders, New York State expects to build a system that effectively delivers fully integrated, community based behavioral health and physical health for consumers, and establish a better quality experience for Medicaid recipients in New York State.

To this end, the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors (CLMHD), in concert with New York State, has developed a plan to address and monitor the behavioral health transition through Regional Planning Consortia (RPCs). It is imperative that key stakeholders, including consumers, families, providers, local governments, and Managed Care Organizations, come together to ensure that these initiatives are a positive force for the residents of New York State. The RPCs are the vehicles that will provide the local voice to the statewide system transformation.

With these goals in mind, CLMHD is excited to partner with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), Office of Mental Health (OMH), and Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to hold a series of kick-off events to begin Regional Planning Consortia in counties outside of New York City.

We would like to invite you to participate in this inaugural meeting to begin the planning and work that establishes the RPC system. The agenda will include:

- An overview of Behavioral Health Medicaid Managed Care changes in NYS
- Lessons learned from the NYC implementation
- Role and goals of the RPC
- Information on available resources and next steps.

[Click here for a map of the RPC regions and list of kickoff events.](#) These events are open to all interested parties.

We look forward to working with you on this new and exciting endeavor.

Schedule of Regional Planning Consortium Kick-Off Forums

[Click here to register for an event below.](#)

RPC Regions	RPC Event	Location	Date
Long Island	Farmingdale	Molly College Farmingdale Campus 7180 Republic Airport Farmingdale, New York 11735-3930	June 1 12:30-2:30 pm
Mid-Hudson	White Plains	Westchester County Center Little Theater, 198 Central Ave, White Plains, NY 10606	June 8 1-3pm
Mohawk Valley /Capital	Albany	Empire State Plaza Meeting Room 1 Albany, NY 12242	June 10 1-3pm
Tug Hill/Central	Syracuse	The Oncenter 800 South State St. Syracuse, NY 13202	June 20 1-3pm
Finger Lakes	Rochester	CCSI Rochester 1099 Jay St. Bldg J, 3 rd Floor, Rochester, NY 14609	June 21 1-3pm
Western	Buffalo	Buffalo Convention Center 153 Franklin St. Buffalo, NY. 14202	June 22 1-3pm
Southern Tier	Binghamton	Cornell Cooperative Extension 840 Upper Front St. Binghamton, NY, 13905	June 23 1-3pm
North Country	Plattsburgh	Auditorium of Clinton County Clinic	July 6 1-3pm