



ANNOUNCEMENT

Children's Waiver Environmental Modification (EMod), Vehicle Modification (VMod), and Adaptive and Assistive Technology (AT) Transition to Financial Management Services (FMS)

February 20, 2024

TO: Health Homes Serving Children (HHSCs), Care Management Agencies (CMs), Children and Youth Evaluation Services (C-YES), Modification Project Evaluators, Medicaid Managed Care Plans including Special Needs Plans (MMCP), and Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS)

Effective March 1, 2024, for children enrolled in the Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) program and effective July 1, 2024 for members enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Plan, pending the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the review, payment, and approval of all Children's Waiver EMod, VMod, and AT requests will transition to the Children's Health Home of Upstate NY (CHHUNY), who will serve as the designated FMS provider, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH).

At this time, LDSSs and MMCPs should continue to process all requests for E/V Mods and AT, until notified by the NYS DOH. No projects should be delayed, denied, or transitioned until the FMS and DOH confirm with the HHCM/CYES, LDSS, and/or MMCP.

During February and March of 2024, DOH will work with individual LDSSs to review active projects to determine transition to the FMS. DOH is requesting the number, type, and status of all E/V Mods and AT projects being managed by LDSS, via an Excel spreadsheet that will be shared with appropriate counties.

Each appropriate LDSS must complete the said Excel spreadsheet with the following information and send it via secure email to EModVModAT@health.ny.gov **as soon as possible, but no later than March 1, 2024:**

- Child/youth name
- Child/youth CIN
- Project number
- Project type (EMod, VMod, AT)
- Project status (Intent, pre-project, etc.)

To ensure no unnecessary delays in providing services, based on information collected from the LDSS, DOH will determine whether each project will be retained by the LDSS or transitioned to the FMS.

Additionally, the DOH will inform HH/C-YES care managers which cases will be transitioned to the FMS.

DOH and CHHUNY will be providing webinars for LDSSs and HH/C-YES care managers regarding the updated E/V Mods and AT process. Please register for the applicable webinar outlined below:

LDSS Webinar - Thursday March 7th from 1-2 pm - Children's Waiver Transition of E/V Modifications and AAT from the LDSS to Financial Management Services (FMS).

Register Link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/weblink/register/ra9e6dc67ccdd58aed537b440a3acfae>

HH/C-YES care managers Webinar - Thursday March 7th from 2:30-3:30 pm Children's Waiver Transition of E/V Modifications & AAT from the LDSS to Financial Management Services (FMS).

Register Link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/weblink/register/rc343f31c251a38d4a543c68eec7e6a03>

Additional information and guidance will be provided to MMCPs regarding open projects once CMS approval is received.

Please direct any questions to EModVModAT@health.ny.gov.