DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:

Changes to Children's Treatment Services (CTS)

MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, FIELD SUPPORT MANAGERS,

CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S TREATMENT SERVICES (CTS)

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce changes to Children's Treatment Services (CTS) contracts. Several changes to the CTS contract have been made including: combining therapeutic and supplemental service contracts, the addition of services, the removal of some services, and setting fixed rates. All services will now be paid through FACES Financials under the client who is authorized for the service. Numerous changes have been made to individual services in an effort to move toward more effective treatment services grounded in evidence-based practices. This memorandum also introduces the Children's Treatment Services Catalog.

The existing CTS contract is being extended until February 29, 2016. All existing vendors must submit an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the new CTS contract that will begin on March 1, 2016. The IFB for the new CTS contract discussed in this memorandum has been sent out to all existing vendors and all prospective new vendors that have been placed on the waiting list over the last several months.

New Service Additions and Revisions

The following services have been added to the CTS Catalog:

- Behavioral Health Services
- Speech Therapy
- Vision Therapy
- Domestic Violence Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)
- Nursing Services
- Personal Assistance (Behavioral)
- Personal Assistance (Medical)
- Pervasive Developmental Services Coordinator
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services

The existing services of Parent Training Program and Parent Education Program have been combined into one service code.

Significant changes have been made to the service description and provider requirements for the following existing services:

- Parent Aide
- Service Delivery Coordination

The current contract for drug testing services that began July 1, 2015 has been combined into the new contract. Additional drug testing services as well as significant changes to the provider requirements have been made in an effort to better meet the needs of the Division and providers. The following drug testing services have been added:

- Urine, Ten Panel Test
- Hair Follicle, Ten Panel Test
- Oral Fluid Testing (Saliva Testing)

Vendors who were approved to provide drug testing services under the current contract will need to submit the new revised CTS IFB to continue providing drug testing services after February 29, 2016.

Central Office will notify all managers when staff may begin authorizing new services in FACES.

Removal of Services

The following services will no longer be available through CTS, except on *existing* guardianship or adoption subsidy contracts:

- Resource Coordination
- Family Assistance
- Mentoring
- Tutoring

Staff will need to begin preparing children and families for the termination of these services effective February 29, 2016. Staff will need to terminate authorizations for the above four (4) services. Payment for these services will not be allowed as of March 1st.

Service Rates

All previously existing contracted services will receive a one percent (1%) rate increase beginning January 1, 2016.

Beginning with the implementation of the new contract, on March 1, 2016 each service available through CTS will have a capped maximum payment rate. This will result in some providers being paid less for services provided under the current CTS contract. The new maximum rates were set using several sources of information including: MO

HealthNet rates, pay scales in the private and public sectors, and current contract price ranges for services.

Children's Treatment Services Catalog of Services

A catalog of CTS services has been created to assist staff and providers in understanding the services available, provider eligibility, service and reporting requirements, as well as billing and authorization information. Rate information is also contained within the catalog.

Staff should refer to the CTS catalog for detailed information regarding all available services beginning March 1, 2016.

Questions related to the IFB and the contracting process may be referred to the Division of Finance and Administrative Services (DFAS) Purchasing Unit at DFAS.DSS.Contracts@dss.mo.gov or by calling 573-751-7036. The IFB can be downloaded from http://dss.mo.gov/bids. Questions related to services available within the CTS contract can be referred to Kara Wilcox-Bauer, Central Office PDS.

NECESSARY ACTION

- 1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
- 2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
- 3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS

Section 3, Chapter 5, Working with Contracted Treatment Providers—Removed Section 8, Chapter 7.2, Children's Treatment Services (CTS)
Section 8, Chapter 7, Attachment A, Children's Treatment Services Catalog

FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

N/A

RELATED STATUTE

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

N/A

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS

N/A

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A
PROTECTIVE FACTORS N/A
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A