

INTRA-AGENCY AGREEMENT

This Intra-Agency Agreement ("IAA") is entered into as of the 18th of August, 2020 by the New York State Department of Health Office of Health Insurance Programs and Office of Public Health.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health ("DOH") has had a long-standing commitment to: ensuring access to health and supportive services for women, children and youth including those with special health care needs, and families; promoting and supporting reproductive health rights of all adolescents, men and women in New York State; promoting and supporting access to programs and services to educate the public on health promotion and the prevention of life-threatening diseases; and maintaining quality healthcare for those who are at risk due to financial resources, age, physical or mental limitations, and

WHEREAS, DOH is the Medicaid agency in New York State ("State") and, its Office of Health Insurance Programs ("OHIP") oversees the States' Medicaid program, and

WHEREAS, the DOH's Office of Public Health ("OPH") oversees the State's Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant program, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the New York State population that is served through the State's Title V program is eligible for Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, OHIP develops policies and guidance to ensure Medicaid services (including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment EPSDT) are available to eligible New Yorkers, and OPH ensures information regarding policies and practices is disseminated to participants in the Title V program, and

WHEREAS, the relationship between OHIP and OPH is a strong relationship that serves to enhance the services to all men, women, children and families across the State of New York.

WHEREAS, the Title V program is considered the payer of last resort,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department, and specifically OHIP and OPH, agree to the following:


- (1) OPH agrees to assist and support OHIP in the design, development and operation of programs and services associated with maternal, child and family services, including areas such as reproductive health, the Medicaid State Plan, health promotion, disease prevention and control, and any other support or service to enrich and improve the lives of the Medicaid-eligible population in New York State, and ensure high-quality health care.
- (2) OPH and OHIP agree to work together on the State's "Medicaid Redesign" project, including but not limited to, the development of plans and programs suitable for the project and the implementation of any such plans and programs, in an effort to keep providers informed about the Medicaid program and its services.

- (3) OPH and OHIP agree to collaborate in developing plans and strategies aimed at reducing inappropriate use of services (e.g., non-medically indicated caesarian section delivery), ensure immediate access to family planning services and promote outreach to underserved populations within the State.
- (4) OPH and OHIP agree to collaborate in the development and implementation of the Health Home benefit to provide enhanced care coordination for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Parties will work alongside other State agencies to develop policies, procedures and education programs for providers to ensure New York's Health Home for Children provides high quality care management to children with Medicaid who have complex physical and/or behavioral health conditions.
- (5) OPH and OHIP agree to sharing data in accordance with State law and requirements to avoid duplication of data collection, maintenance, and dissemination of information relating to the health status and health service needs of men, women, children and families

TERM: This IAA shall be in effect for so long as the Department deems it necessary to achieve the goals set forth herein.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this IAA as of the date first set forth above.

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