

MSC E-VISORY

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The MSC E-Visory is an electronic advisory which provides pertinent and timely information about programs and services available to individuals receiving MSC. Announcements about MSC training, conferences and meetings appear regularly. **MSC Supervisors: Please share this issue with all MSC Service Coordinators and others as appropriate.** In order to receive an email notification when a new MSC E-Visory is posted, please sign up for our mailing list (listserv). Listserv information and past issues can be accessed via the OPWDD website at www.opwdd.ny.gov or via the following link: http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/service_coordination/medicaid_service_coordination/msc_e-visories

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Update: OPWDD Continuation as Sole Provider for Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)

In consideration of the other activities that are occurring or planned OPWDD has decided, at this time, to not pursue filing Regulation revisions for MSC and will continue to be the sole provider of record for MSC. For more detailed information on what this means for provider agencies please refer to the attached notification.

Save the Date: "Promising Practices in the Employment of People with Developmental Disabilities"

On May 30, 2013 from 10am-3pm the Division of Person Centered Supports Employment and Meaningful Community Activities will be presenting a statewide video conference for OPWDD staff, providers, self advocates, families and others interested in learning about the creative and innovative strategies being successfully used across New York State to transition people with developmental disabilities from day hab and workshops to supported employment. Please see the attached save the date for RSVP information and a complete listing of available video conference sites.

Useful Information on Travel Training Resources Available in the Five Boroughs

A free travel program is available for Access-A-Ride customers who are 18 years and older and interested in learning to travel independently by bus or subway in the five boroughs. Please refer to the attached announcement for further information on this opportunity and how to apply.

College Scholarships Available

Assistive Technology @ Easter Seals Crossroads provides a listing of many scholarships that are available for students with disabilities to help offset the cost of college education. Currently three separate scholarships are being offered. For information on the specific scholarships and criteria please visit their website at:

[Easter Seals Tech](#)



ELECTRONIC MAIL – NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

TO: Provider Association Members

FROM: Mark P. Pattison 
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Enterprise Solutions

DATE: March 29, 2013

SUBJECT: Update – OPWDD Continuation as Sole Provider for Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)

During the August 20, 2012 Provider Association Meeting, information was shared regarding OPWDD’s consideration to cease being the sole provider of record for Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) as of January 1, 2013. Subsequent to the August 20th meeting, on September 12th an update message was shared with Provider Association members that to cease being the sole provider of MSC, OPWDD was looking at Regulation revision and this meant revising the date of the implemented change to April 1, 2013.

During the intervening months, OPWDD has worked on Regulation revisions and reviewed other aspects of the MSC program, in consideration of the other activities that are occurring (or planned); OPWDD has decided to NOT pursue filing Regulation revisions for MSC at this time and for the time being will continue to be the sole provider of record for MSC.

What this means for provider agencies (MSC Vendors) –

1. New Vendor: If a provider agency is seeking to become an MSC Vendor, the agency must work with the local OPWDD district regional office to obtain approval to be an MSC Vendor. The local district and Vendor will need to execute an MSC Vendor Contract. The Vendor must have an OPWDD TABS Program Code associated with the district into which authorized individuals will be enrolled. Once an agency is approved to be an MSC Vendor, OPWDD’s Revenue Systems Unit will complete and submit an MMIS Provider ID Application Packet to the Department of Health (DOH) via DOH’s contractor Computer Science Corporation (CSC). Until the MMIS Provider ID Application Packet is completed and processed by DOH/CSC, the MSC Vendor will not receive reimbursement for MSC.

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 500 A Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304 TEL: 518-381-2110 FAX: 518-381-2190
TTY: 866-933-4889, www.opwdd.ny.gov

2. Existing Vendor Expanding: If a provider agency is seeking to expand and become an MSC Vendor in an additional district, the Vendor must obtain approval to be an MSC Vendor in the district the Vendor wishes to expand into. The local district must obtain approval for the MSC Vendor's expansion, and then the local district and the Vendor will need to execute an MSC Vendor Contract. The Vendor must have an OPWDD TABS Program Code associated with the district into which authorized individuals will be enrolled. Once approved to provide service in an additional district, OPWDD will associate an existing MSC Provider ID of the Vendor's with the new TABS MSC Program Code so it can be used to bill MSC to eMedNY for individuals authorized in the additional district. This will mean a Vendor may use the same MSC Provider ID for individuals authorized by multiple OPWDD districts.
3. For all MSC Vendors, checks will continue to be issued to OPWDD and OPWDD will mail the checks to the MSC Vendors. Vendors will NOT be able to sign up for electronic fund transfers while OPWDD is the sole provider of record for MSC.
4. All MSC Vendors will be able to access remittance statements electronically.

Program questions on OPWDD's continuation as Sole Provider for Medicaid Service Coordination, can be directed to Eric Pasternak at (518) 474-1274 and MSC billing questions can be directed to Matthew Breslin at (518) 402-4333.

cc: Commissioner Burke
OPWDD Leadership Team
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M. Breslin

SAVE THE DATE



*Division of Person Centered Supports
Employment and Meaningful Community Activities
Presents*

*Promising Practices in the Employment of People
with Developmental Disabilities*

May 30, 2013

Statewide Video Conference

10:00am – 3:00pm

(Video Conference Sites Attached)

RSVP by calling Allyson Fregeau at (518) 473-9697 or by emailing Tonya Obey at

Tonyamaree.obey@opwdd.ny.gov

This event is for OPWDD staff, providers, self advocates, families and others interested in learning about the creative and innovative strategies being successfully used across New York State to transition people with developmental disabilities from day hab and workshops to supported employment.

INVITATION TO FOLLOW



Promising Practices in the Employment of People with Developmental Disabilities

**May 30, 2013
10:00am-3:00pm**

Video conference sites:

Bernard Fineson- Queens VC2
Brooklyn BDC- June Fox Training Room
Capital District-Schenectady BLDG 3 Room 6
Central Office- 44 Holland Ave- 4B Conference Room
Central NY-Rome (Liberty Street - Boardroom)
Central NY-Syracuse (West Fayette St)
Finger Lakes-Newark (V149)
Finger Lakes-Rochester (Rm. 3/4)
Hudson Valley-Thiells (Bldg 5 Rm. 2)
Long Island-Hauppauge (Large Conf Rm.)
Metro NY-Manhattan (3C25A)
Staten Island-Staten Island (Bldg 46A Boardroom)
Taconic-Wassaic (Staff Conf Rm.)
Sunmount-Tupper Lake Bldg 3, 2nd FL Conf Rm.
Western NY- West Seneca (Bldg 16 Rm. 2-49)

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CP of NYS
Where Possibilities
Become Realities

Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State and MTA New York City Transit

ANNOUNCE...

A **FREE** Travel Training Program for qualified Access-A-Ride Customers

Through personalized one-on-one instruction, trainees will learn to travel independently on one round trip bus or subway route to a destination of their choice in New York City. Travel Training can enable people with disabilities to safely and confidently travel by bus or subway in New York City's five boroughs as well allowing greater flexibility in making and changing travel plans.

Trainees will master the following skills:

- Traveling safely at all times
- Planning a trip (use of schedules, signs, telephone, information services and landmarks)
- Remembering and following directions
- Requesting information/help from appropriate sources
- Identifying the correct stop at desired destination
- Coping with service disruptions, delays and emergencies
- Correctly using mobility aids (such as wheelchairs and scooters) on accessible mass transportation

Travel training is funded by MTA New York City Transit and provided by Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State at no cost to trainees. Access-A-Ride customers 18 years and older may apply.

To apply or for more information
Call 212-947-5770 ext. 627 or
Email traveltraining@cpofnys.org



CP of NYS/MTA Travel Training Program

INITIAL INTAKE

Please forward to:
Pier Fetz
Fax: 212-279-8981
or Email this to
P Fetz-Scimeca@cpofnys.org

Identifying Information:

Name: _____
Last First

Access-A-Ride ID #

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: _____

Telephone #: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address _____
Street Apt # City State Zip

Access-A-Ride Eligibility Status: _____

Current Living Situation: Lives Alone Lives in Certified Residence Lives with others (Family/Friends)

Language Spoken: English Other: _____

Communication Abilities: _____

Date of Referral: ___/___/___ Referral #: _____ Person Making Referral: Individual Other

If other: _____
Name Title Agency Phone E-Mail

Referral Source: (How did you hear about program?): _____

Primary Contact:

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Telephone #: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Relationship to Individual: _____ Legal Guardian: Yes No

Is the individual affiliated with a Program/Service that can provide information regarding individual's travel skills?

Yes No If yes:

Name/Title: _____ Program/Service: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name: _____

Disability (check all that apply):

- Physical Cognitive/Intellectual Visual Hearing TBI Emotional Neurological
 Other Medical Condition (specify): _____

Diagnosis: _____

Is disability permanent: Yes No

If no explain: _____

Mobility Status: Ambulatory Non-Ambulatory Ambulates with Assistance: _____

Assistive Devices:

- Manual Wheelchair Motorized Wheelchair Motorized Scooter
 Walker Cane Crutches Other (specify): _____

Can individual use assistive devices proficiently? Yes No

If no, explain: _____

Previous Travel Training Experience/History:

- No Previous Training Previous Training with NYC Transit seeking re-training
 Informal Training from family: _____
 Previous Agency/School Sponsored Training: _____

Destination/Route Individual Requests to be Trained On:

Has the individual asked to learn a specific route? Yes No

If yes:

Name of destination (include address/cross street): _____

Origin Address and Cross Street _____

Frequency of Anticipated Travel to Requested Destination:

- at least once per week at least once every two weeks at least once per month
 less than once per month (specify): _____

Post –Training Travel to Destination is Anticipated to Continue For:

- less than six months six to twelve months more than twelve months
 undetermined

