

New York State
Office For People With Developmental Disabilities
State Paid Service Coordination – Effective October 1, 2010

This document is to provide Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) vendors with important information regarding State Paid Service Coordination changes that will take effect October 1, 2010 as a result of the MSC Redesign. As a reminder, only individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid may receive State Paid Service Coordination. They must also meet the criteria for ongoing and comprehensive service coordination and be authorized by the DDSO for the service. Individuals who are eligible for Medicaid or have Medicaid are not eligible to receive State Paid Service Coordination.

Effective October 1, 2010, State Paid Service Coordination will have a single statewide fee that is the same as the Basic MSC fee. Vendors who serve individuals, who are Willowbrook Class Members through State Paid Service Coordination, will be reimbursed at the Basic MSC Fee level, as well. There is no separate fee for individuals who are Willowbrook Class Members.

In addition, Vendors will no longer be reimbursed for Transition Billing for an individual who receives State Paid Service Coordination, even if that individual meets the new transition billing criteria of an individual new to State Paid Service Coordination or of an individual moving from an IRA or CR to their independent residence. However, for the crossover period (August 2, 2010 through September 30, 2010) if a vendor has an individual who met the old transition billing criteria in August 2010 or September 2010, the provider's applicable transition price will remain in effect to allow the two months of billing at the transitional fee level that was in effect prior to October 1, 2010.

Under the Liability for Services regulation, a vendor may be reimbursed for up to 90 days of State Paid Service Coordination for individuals who meet certain qualifications (see 14 NYCRR 635.12). It should be noted, that a vendor is not required to request the State Paid Service Coordination. A vendor may choose instead to be reimbursed for the 90 days (or three months) as a single MSC transition payment when the individual meets the MSC transition criteria of being new to OPWDD Service Coordination upon initial enrollment in MSC once Medicaid is obtained.

Providers who serve individuals in State Paid Service Coordination must follow the MSC Billing Standards now described in the appropriate Administrative Memorandum. Every individual who receives Service Coordination, either State Paid or Medicaid, must have an Individualized Service Plan (ISP). Providers are also expected to adhere to any program standards that are established.

Finally, individuals who are served through State Paid Service Coordination will not be part of a provider's unit allocations and they will not count toward a service coordinator's maximum caseload size.

If you have further questions regarding the change to State Paid Service Coordination, please contact Anne Swartwout in Medicaid Standards at (518)408-2096.