

TO: Children's Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Providers, Health Home Care Managers, Children and Youth Evaluation Services (C-YES), and Medicaid Managed Care Plans and HIV Special Needs Plans (MMCPs),

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The Children's Waiver Renewal was submitted to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) January 2022 as the Waiver was currently scheduled to expire on March 31, 2022.

CMS requested New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) to submit a 90-day Temporary Extension, which has been approved, to provide the State with additional time to appropriately address all of CMS' feedback regarding the significant programmatic, fiscal, and quality changes identified in the waiver renewal application (authorized by 42 CFR §441.304(c)). The State and CMS will continue to collaborate to ensure that no violations of Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) exist and that the State submits an approvable renewal application.

This temporary extension allows the Children's Waiver (NY.4125.R05.00) to continue operating through June 29, 2022 at cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with federal financial participation.

NYS DOH will continue to keep stakeholders up to date with any changes to the Children's Waiver renewal. Questions should be directed to bh.transition@health.ny.gov