

New York  
**CARE COORDINATION PROGRAM**  
Creating a person-centered, recovery-focused system of care

WESTERN REGION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WITH BEACON HEALTH STRATEGIES, LLC AND COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC

**SED Designated Clinic Tracking Expectations**  
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As the regional Behavioral Health Organization, the New York Care Coordination Program is to provide administrative and management services for a variety of purposes, one of which is to help OMH better understand the clinical conditions of children covered by Medicaid managed care, being seen in an SED designated clinic, and diagnosed as having a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). The information below is being provided in order to clarify the scope of this work, how the NYCCP is planning to carry it out, and what is being asked of the SED Clinics.

**Criteria for notification:**

Following is the guidance for the NYS Office of Mental Health:

Clinics that are licensed by OMH under Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law and designated as Specialty Clinics shall be required by OMH to notify the Contractor of each new episode of care initiated for a child who is diagnosed as having a Serious Emotional Disturbance and who is covered by Medicaid Managed Care.

1. The age range for the target population is youth up to but not including their 19th birthday.
2. OMH-designated specialty clinics must report on all children/youth who begin an episode of care **after January 3, 2012** and have a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). SED criteria are listed in the NYS OMH Clinic Treatment Program regulations (14NYCRR Part 599.4(ay)):
  - a. *Serious emotional disturbance* means a child or adolescent has a designated mental illness diagnosis according to the most current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and has experienced functional limitations due to emotional disturbance over the past 12 months on a continuous or intermittent basis. The functional limitations must be moderate in at least two of the following areas or severe in at least one of the following areas:
    - i. Ability to care for self (e.g., personal hygiene; obtaining and eating food; dressing; avoiding injuries); or
    - ii. Family life (e.g., capacity to live in a family or family like environment; relationships with parents or substitute parents, siblings and other relatives; behavior in family setting); or
    - iii. Social relationships (e.g., establishing and maintaining friendships; interpersonal interactions with peers, neighbors and other adults; social

- skills; compliance with social norms; play and appropriate use of leisure time); or
- iv. Self-direction/self-control (e.g., ability to sustain focused attention for a long enough period of time to permit completion of age- appropriate tasks; behavioral self-control; appropriate judgment and value systems; decision-making ability); or
- v. Ability to learn (e.g., school achievement and attendance; receptive and expressive language; relationships with teachers; behavior in school).

There are no anchor definitions for rating 'moderate' vs. 'severe' limitations. Providers making the SED determination should use clinical judgment.

3. BHOs will collect the specified data elements (see attached list) for only those children/youth who are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care and designated SED by the provider. The Offices want to know which area(s) of functional limitations contributed to the SED designation, regardless of whether the limitation was judged to be moderate or severe.

**Notification Process:**

NYCCP has partnered with Beacon Health Strategies, a NCQA accredited Managed Behavioral Health Organization to provide many of the management and administrative services for the BHO project including the collection of required information from SED designated clinics. The required data will be collected through the Beacon eServices web portal. This portal will offer clinics the ability to upload the required information one patient at a time or via a batch upload of multiple patients.

Additional information and training sessions on the use of the eServices portal will be forthcoming. It is anticipated that the eServices web portal will be completed no later than January 31, 2012 . Webinars will take place at least one week prior. In the meantime, if you have additional questions please feel free to contact Beacon at **1-855-209-1142**.