

New York
CARE COORDINATION PROGRAM

Creating a person-centered, recovery-focused system of care

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The New York Care Coordination Program (NYCCP) wishes to work with New York State to design and implement a specialized health home services program for children with serious emotional disturbance and adults with serious mental illness.

People with serious mental illness have complex physical health, behavioral health and social service needs. They are often poorly understood and poorly served by the mainstream health system. The cost of Medicaid and other government service to this group is extraordinarily high.

NYCCP has a documented record of success implementing person-centered service planning and care coordination programs in diverse service environments, with improved individual outcomes and significantly reduced Medicaid and other government costs. We wish to build on this success by fostering the development of specialty health home programs.


Specialty health homes would be a critical structural support for any managed care program that serves children with serious emotional disturbance or adults with serious mental illness. Our suggested approach to development of the program could be replicated statewide, allowing the State to ramp up quickly and take advantage of 90% federal financial participation for the first two years of operation.

We welcome your questions, and would be happy to work with you to refine this proposal. For more information, please contact Adele Gorges, Executive Director, at 585-613-7656 or agorges@ccsi.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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