

# Medicaid Update

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## Mandatory Managed Care for Beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS in New York City

**Effective September 1, 2010**, Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS who live in New York City and are not otherwise excluded will be required to enroll in a managed care plan. Individuals whose HIV/AIDS status is their only reason for exemption must enroll in Medicaid managed care unless they are eligible for another exemption (e.g., homelessness). Beneficiaries that need to enroll or request an exemption should contact Medicaid CHOICE at (800) 505-5678.

**Managed Care Plan Enrollment:** Mandatory enrollment mailings for current Medicaid beneficiaries will be phased-in by borough, beginning with Brooklyn. Beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS who receive a mandatory enrollment mailing must choose to enroll in a mainstream managed care plan or one of three HIV Special Needs Plans (SNPs) within the choice period specified in the mailing. HIV SNPs are managed care plans specifically designed to serve Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS and their children. Non-SSI beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS will have 60 days to choose a plan but may request an additional 30 days for a total of 90 days to make a choice. As with current policy, all SSI beneficiaries will be given 90 days to choose a managed care plan. Individuals who do not choose a plan will automatically be assigned to a mainstream managed care plan. Auto-assigned individuals will have an opportunity to switch to another mainstream plan or an HIV SNP of their choosing during the 90 day grace period. All beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS may change from a mainstream managed care plan to an HIV SNP, or from an HIV SNP to another HIV SNP at any time. Information regarding switching plans is available from Medicaid CHOICE and in the mandatory mailing and enrollment letters.

Providers treating this population should encourage their patients to enroll in plans with which the provider participates to promote continuity of medical care. Providers are also encouraged to join the networks of Medicaid managed care plans and HIV SNPs in their community.

**Managed Care Benefits:** The benefit package for HIV positive individuals who join a mainstream managed care plan is the same as for all Medicaid beneficiaries. Services carved-out from managed care include but are not limited to: prescription medications, targeted case management, AIDS adult day health care services, some mental health and substance abuse services (including MMTP), HIV resistance tests, personal care, and hospice services.

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## POLICY & BILLING GUIDANCE

The mainstream managed care plan contract is available online at:

[http://www.nyhealth.gov/health\\_care/managed\\_care/docs/medicaid\\_managed\\_care\\_and\\_family\\_health\\_plus\\_model\\_contract.pdf](http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/managed_care/docs/medicaid_managed_care_and_family_health_plus_model_contract.pdf)

The benefit package for HIV SNPs is the same as the benefit package for regular managed care plans, with the exception of Mental Health and Chemical Dependence Inpatient Rehabilitation Services. For adults in a HIV SNP, detoxification services, most mental health services and inpatient rehabilitation services for chemical dependency are the responsibility of the HIV SNP. Outpatient services for chemical dependency, including MMTP, are carved-out.

The HIV SNP contract is available online at:

[www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/aids/resources/snps/docs/hiv\\_special\\_needs\\_plan\\_model\\_contract.pdf](http://www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/aids/resources/snps/docs/hiv_special_needs_plan_model_contract.pdf)

**As a reminder, a breakdown of how coverage of mental health and chemical dependence inpatient rehabilitation services by population is provided below.**

<b>Mental Health and Chemical Dependence Inpatient Rehabilitation</b>		
	<b>Covered by health plan for the following populations</b>	<b>Covered by Medicaid fee-for-service for the following populations</b>
<b>Mainstream Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-SSI enrollees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SSI enrollees</li></ul>
<b>HIV SNP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All adult enrollees</li><li>• All HIV+ children</li><li>• Non-SSI uninfected children</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uninfected SSI children</li></ul>

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