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SUBJECT: Revisions to the State-Funded Community Living and Support, Day Supports, Supported Living Periodic and Residential Supports Services and Delivery of State-Funded Meaningful Day Services for Tailored Plans.

A revision has been made to the State-Funded I/DD and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) service definitions based on feedback from providers and LME/MCOs: Community Living and Support (CLS), Day Supports (DS), Supported Living Periodic (SLP) and Residential Supports (RS).

This bulletin explains changes in the service definition which become effective on the dates listed below. Amended service definitions can be found at: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/providers/provider-info/mental-health-development-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services/service-definitions>

This bulletin also provides information regarding the delivery of state-funded meaningful day services for Tailored Plans.

| Date | State-Funded Service | Section or Subsection Amended | Change |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | Name of Service | All Sections and Attachment(s) | |
| 6/1/2022 | CLS, DS, SLP and RS | Section 3.2.2 and Section 3.2.3 | 1. Revised the authorization requirements to “prior authorization by the LME/MCO is required. A service authorization request must be completed by a Qualified Professional and submitted to the LME/MCO prior to services.” |

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| 6/1/2022 | RS | Section 1.0 and Section 5.3 | 1. Updated service definition language, “The cost associated with Therapeutic Leave is included in the per diem.” |
| 12/1/2022 | CLS | Section 1.0 | 1. Added “Exceptional Needs” clause to CLS service definition to allow LME/MCOs to authorize up to eight hours daily for up to six months at a time. |

Effective Dec. 1, 2022, the following state-funded meaningful day (I/DD & TBI) core services will be available through the Tailored Plans:

| Name of Service | NCTracks Procedure Code |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Community Living and Supports – Individual | YM851 |
| Community Living and Supports – Group | YM852 |
| Day Supports - Group | YM590 |
| Supported Living Periodic | YM854 |
| Community Respite | YP730 |
| Respite - Group | YP011 |
| Respite - Individual | YP010 |
| Supported Employment | YP642 |

A separate bulletin will outline the implementation date, additional procedure codes and the transition requirements for Supported Employment.

Billing should be completed as follows:

- Individuals with I/DD or TBI who are CURRENTLY enrolled in the following services below must transition to CLS, DS and SLP or another available service by Nov. 30, 2022. The following NCTracks procedure codes will be no longer billable after Nov. 30, 2022:

| Name of Service | NCTracks Procedure Code |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Day/Evening Activity | YP660 |
| Developmental Day | YP610 |
| Developmental Therapy – Paraprofessional | H2014UM |
| Developmental Therapy Paraprofessional – Group | H2014U1 |
| Developmental Therapy – Professional | H2014 |
| Drop-In Center | YP690 and YP692 |
| Financial Supports | YM600 |
| Personal Assistance – Individual | YP020 |
| Personal Care | YM050 |
| Wilderness Camp | YA254 |

Note: DMH/DD/SAS does not have a state-funded service requirement for current individuals accessing services to obtain updated psychological assessments to access the updated service definitions. However, LME/MCOs should retain documentation that supports the individual meeting the applicable benefit plan and service criteria.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Jones at 984-236-5043 or DMHIDDCONTACT@dhhs.nc.gov.

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