



**New York State
Office of
Children &
Family
Services**

November 13, 2007

Dear LDSS Commissioner:

I am pleased to announce that seven voluntary authorized agencies have received approval to become a Health Care Integrator Agency (HCIA) under the Bridges to Health Medicaid Waiver Program, known as B2H. The following are the new HCIA's, along with the corresponding Waiver Service Providers (WSPs) with whom these HCIA's have stated that they plan to contract for the provision of certain B2H services.

Eliot Spitzer
Governor

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Commissioner

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HCIA's	WSPs
ROCHESTER REGION (REGION II)	
Hillside Children's Center	Crestwood Children's Center Kinship Family and Youth Services Snell Farm Children's Center
ALBANY REGION (REGION IV)	
Northeast Parent and Child Society	
Parsons Child and Family Center	Mountain Lake Children's Residence, Inc. St. Anne Institute St. Catherine's Center for Children Vanderheyden Hall Inc.
NEW YORK CITY (REGION VI)	
Abbott House	
Cardinal McCloskey Services	
Jewish Child Care Association	Abbott House Cardinal McCloskey Services
SCO Family of Services	

Effective November 13, 2007, LDSS in Regions II, IV, VI (Administration for Children Services), and the OCFS Division of Rehabilitative Services may forward referral packets to the HCIA's in the corresponding Regions using the guidelines established in the B2H Program Manual. Once deemed eligible and appropriate, children in B2H may begin receiving services within one of the three waivers on or after January 1, 2008. As the provision of B2H services expands each year to include more regions, so may referrals to the approved, corresponding HCIA's within a participating region.

The process to become an HCIA or WSP is deemed open enrollment. Therefore, OCFS will accept applications from potential HCIA's on a continuous basis. OCFS requires, at minimum, three months to review the documentation and issue a Provider Agreement to the agency for execution. The OCFS Approved HCIA/WSP list will be updated as additions or deletions of providers occur.

For your information and/or use, the following is the contact information for the B2H Program Quality Management Specialists (QMSs) in the regions that will be participating in B2H during 2008. The QMS will provide ongoing technical assistance to HCIA's to continually improve the quality of care provided to all enrollees in the B2H Waiver Program. Additionally, the QMS will monitor feedback from the HCIA's to review appropriate policy and operational guidance.



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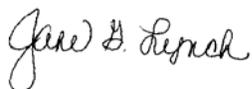
Should you require further information regarding the B2H Waiver, please feel free to contact:

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For more information regarding specific roles and responsibilities, please refer to the B2H Program Manual located on the OCFS internet at:
<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/b2h/manual/B2H%20Program%20Manual.pdf>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts on behalf of our most vulnerable children. I want to assure to you that my office stands by your side as we launch the implementation phase of this long-awaited program.

Sincerely,



Jane G. Lynch
Deputy Commissioner
Development and Prevention Services

cc: LDSS Director of Services
Executive Directors of HCIAs
Voluntary Agency Executive Directors in Regions II, IV and VI