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Dear Youth Partial Hospital Providers,

This notice is to inform you that effective January 1, 2025, all NJ FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid enrolled youth under the age of 18 shall be eligible for medically necessary partial hospital services through the youth's Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO). As part of their participation with Medicaid, youth within your care may be enrolled in one of the following five (5) Medicaid MCOs that serve NJFC recipients: Aetna, Fidelis Care (formerly WellCare), Horizon, United Healthcare, or Wellpoint (formerly Amerigroup).

On January 1, 2025, youth partial hospital services previously provided to NJFC/Medicaid enrolled youth through Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and authorized by PerformCare under service code CSC02, will be transitioned from FFS to the youth's MCO for continued access and service coordination. Please note that this transition applies to claims billed with revenue (REV) code 913. Other CSOC services will remain in place unless changes are a result of Child and Family Team (CFT) planning. For youth enrolled in NJFC, please review their MCO information and reach out to them for support with this transition, as they will be responsible for managing the ongoing coverage, care management, and service coordination for their members.

Each MCO has been notified of any existing partial hospital authorizations for youth enrolled with NJFC for continued service delivery and to ensure that the transition is coordinated as seamlessly as possible. MCOs will be outreaching families via letter regarding this transition.

The state has implemented a 90-day transition period, beginning January 1, 2025, to enable providers and MCOs to work together to ensure continuity of care for members. During this time, providers shall submit authorization requests to the MCOs, and all authorizations will be automatically approved through March 31, 2025. During the transition, the MCOs will honor the existing PerformCare partial hospital authorizations that span the January 1, 2025, date through the 90-day transition period. If there are any issues with the authorization requests, the MCOs will work with the provider. The MCOs should have reached out to you, the provider, to ensure

you are in-network or have an agreement in place to continue delivering this service to your current youth.

If any of your youth are currently receiving partial hospital services and are not NJFC/Medicaid eligible, the service will continue to be authorized as appropriate by PerformCare. Medicaid providers are required to verify eligibility minimally on the first of each month through the Medicaid eligibility system before providing services as eligibility can change.

If you have any questions about NJFC eligibility for youth enrolled in your program, and the continuation of partial hospital services through the MCO, please contact the MCO at the number listed on the back of the individual's insurance card. Additionally, you can reach out to the below email address with questions and/or visit the NJFC BH Integration Stakeholder Information webpage.

- Email: <u>dmahs.behavioralhealth@dhs.nj.gov</u>
- https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/information/stakeholder/index.html
- The Medicaid Newsletter 34-14 supporting this transition is available at NJMMIS.com.

Thank You,

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