



To: NYS Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) Service Providers

Re: Updated CFTSS Provider Manual

Date: March 16, 2023

To reorganize and streamline CFTSS guidance documents, New York State (NYS) is reissuing a revised version of the CFTSS Provider Manual to reflect a consolidation of program and billing guidance. For ease of review, we have outlined the major edits below.

**Edits Made to the CFTSS Manual:**

Reference	Description of Edit
Introduction	Language specific to Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Although a behavioral health diagnosis is not required for OLP eligibility, an individual must meet Medical Necessity.</li><li>• Practitioners may evaluate for the purpose of determining a behavioral health diagnosis, the range and scope of need, and to make service recommendations.</li><li>• An evaluation via OLP is not needed to access services when an individual has an existing LPHA recommendation.</li></ul>
Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP)	Expanded practitioner allowance. Licensed Psychologists can now provide and bill for services as defined within the OLP service definition. State Plan Amendment approval for this change has been retroactively applied to July 1, 2022.  Note: This practitioner type has also been added to the definition of NP-LBHP and Medical Necessity Criteria.
Billing & Coding; CFTSS Rate Code Descriptions; List of Potential Z-Codes	All CFTSS related billing information has been removed from the <i>New York State Children's Health and Behavioral Health Medicaid System Transformation: Billing and Coding Manual</i> and is now incorporated into the CFTSS Provider Manual.  Note: No billing or rate changes have occurred as a result of combining guidance documents.