



**IMPORTANT NOTICE
NYC ALL NON HOSPITAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS
ELIMINATION OF MEDICAID TWO WEEK LAG
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

As part of the behavioral health transition to managed care, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and the Office of Mental Health (OMH), in conjunction with the Department of Health, are working to ensure that the behavioral health providers will have adequate cash flow when the transition commences on October 1, 2015.

Toward this end, NYS Medicaid will eliminate the two week lag on fee-for-service Medicaid checks for all NYC behavioral health providers that operate OASAS or OMH outpatient services and are not a hospital. Providers will receive two Medicaid checks on September 28th (your usual check as well as the check you would have received a week later).

Additionally, on October 12th providers will again receive two checks thereby entirely eliminating the two week lag on Medicaid payments.

The two week Medicaid lag will be restored early in 2016 against your then smaller fee-for-service billing level (the smaller checks will be due to the transition of most clients / services to managed care). This restoration will also be completed in the separate checks (payment cycles). Each action will restore one week of lag. Dates for the restoration will be shared with providers in the coming months.

Please contact PICM@oasas.ny.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Thank you.