

## **SYSTEMS OF CARE FINANCING MODEL**

### **STATEWIDE, MEDICAID FUNDED (Most Similar to Oregon) PENNSYLVANIA HEALTHCHOICE**

Target Group – TANF eligible families, pregnant and low income, SSI

Financing Model – Blends Medicaid, mental health and substance abuse dollars. Also employs a mandatory reimbursement strategy

Administrative Features – Counties have first option to act as their own MCOs. Counties, may in turn, subcontract MCO functions to commercial or non-profit organizations. Counties receive risk based contracts from State and may, in turn, sign risk based agreements with the commercial or non-profit MCOs.

Care Management Model – MCOs must employ a wraparound/CASSP philosophy and approach and must serve on the interagency service planning teams for children with serious emotional and mental health needs. They must also have memorandum of agreements in place with all child-servicing agencies that address coordination, service planning and service delivery.

Benefit Plan – Benefit plan is broad and includes inpatient and partial hospitalization; behavioral rehabilitation services such as behavioral aids, family support services, mobile crisis, therapeutic foster care and group care, residential treatment, in-home therapy, medication management, case management, AODA services, etc.

Medical Necessity Criteria – State developed decision making criteria for medical necessity developed with impact of stakeholders, including families. They broaden eligibility for services and also use EPSDT screen to determine the need for such services as in-home therapy.

Provider Network – Extensive network of providers under contracts and fee-for-service arrangements. Allows for use of non-traditional providers under special designation with state to provide certain rehab and support services. The MCO contracts with providers requires that providers participate on interagency teams and coordinate the provision of services with child servicing agencies including child welfare, juvenile justice and mental health.

Outcome Indicators – has a Performance/Outcome Management System (POMS). Tracks such outcomes as reduction in restrictive ness of placement; improved vocational/education status, reduced criminal activity, improved health care, family satisfaction and improved service utilization.