

System of Care Advisory Council

Examining Temporary Rules – Recommendation 2020

Recommendation	<p>State agencies, in partnership with stakeholders, will examine changes and exceptions to OARs that have benefited individuals in accessing services, and telehealth in particular, and benefited system of care providers.</p> <p>This review should be a transparent process completed in consultation with agency stakeholders while temporary rule and waiver changes remain in effect. This is to determine which changes should or could be made permanent, and / or within ninety days of the end of current state of emergency declaration.</p> <p>For changes that it is not possible to extend beyond the COVID-19 emergency, the agencies and providers examine where the authority lies to potentially keep or make beneficial alterations to rule.</p>
Council Lead	Stan Gilbert and Adam Rodakowski
Response requested	Agencies report on feasibility of recommendation implementation to System of Care Advisory in July 2020 and propose next steps.
Council Actions	Members of the System of Care Advisory are willing to support this work by joining or forming a review committee and collaborating with the relevant agencies and advocating as necessary.
Problem Statement	<p>Many rules have been changed in response to COVID-19, stay at home orders and the need for physical distancing practices. These changes have had positive and negative impacts on both the provider and families and young people.</p> <p>Post-state of emergency review is needed to determine positive outcomes and ensure, where possible, these are converted into permanent rule, where possible or approved by CMS.</p>
Purpose & Scope	<p>Recommendation to the Governor, DHS, OHA and OYA.</p> <p>Scope – temporary rules and waivers created during COVID-19 crisis</p>
Timescale	<p>Recommendation to agencies - ASAP</p> <p>Establish a review process - TBD</p>
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OHA, DHS, OYA, ODE• Children, young people• Parents Families and care givers• Providers• CCOs / private providers• The Children’s System of Care
Family, Child and Young Adult Impact and Future State	<p>Creates a more flexible set of services</p> <p>Enables tele-health and tele-connection</p> <p>Increases access to care</p> <p>Establishes best practice for future emergency situations</p>

Expected Outcomes

- Greater flexibility
- Services will be more accessible for children, youth and families
- OARs are permanently changed to reflect positive benefits from the COVID-19 crisis

Funding and Resources

Needs assessment by relevant agencies.
