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BREAKING NEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

## **New York City and Westchester County SNP awards made *MCI and the New York Partnership given conditional awards in NYC***

State Office of Mental Health Commissioner James L. Stone today informed two adult mental health Special Needs Plan (SNP) bidders from New York City and one from Westchester County that they have been conditionally awarded licenses to operate SNPs. Managed Care Innovations, Inc. and New York Behavioral Health Partnership, Inc. have both been awarded New York City SNPs and the Westchester Behavioral Health Network was awarded the lone Westchester County SNP. The awards are conditioned upon:

- completion of contract negotiations and execution of a contract with the local government unit (the City of New York and Westchester County);
- approval of the contract by the New York State Office of Mental Health and Department of Health;
- the completion of readiness review and
- the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate a Special Needs Plan by the State.

Two New York City bidders, HealthFirst, Inc. and Integrated Behavioral Health Services, were not awarded SNPs. Both of those bidders are entitled to a debriefing session limited to the evaluation results of their individual proposal. Both bidders are also entitled to appeal the decision pursuant to section 1.21 of the Request for Proposals.

“The Special Needs Plans will be an important component in our efforts to make sure New Yorkers have access to mental health care,” Commissioner Stone indicated “these awards represent an important step forward in the move toward Medicaid managed care plans specifically designed to provide a full spectrum of coordinated mental health services.”

Although three SNPs had been allocated for New York City, only two awards were made. The Office of Mental Health currently has no plans for a re-procurement that would award the third New York City SNP. ©