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RE: Adult Behavioral Health Managed Care Implementation

The New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs, Division of Program Development and Management is pleased to announce the availability of the Uniform Assessment – Community Mental Health application. This web-based software application will support the Adult Behavioral Health to Managed Care transition in New York City.

The Uniform Assessment – Community Mental Health application contains two instruments.

- **HARP/HCBS Eligibility Assessment** – This instrument assesses functional need as well as risk of self-injurious behavior or violence. This tool is designed to establish HARP and HCBS eligibility.
- **New York State Community Mental Health Assessment** – This research-based and validated instrument is designed to incorporate the person's needs, strengths and preferences when assessing the key domains of function, mental and physical health, social support and service use. The Community Mental Health Assessment includes items to describe the performance and capacity of the person in a variety of domains, with the majority of items serving as specific triggers for care planning.

Attached is the "*Behavioral Health Managed Care Transition UAS-NY Support for Users*". This document provides step-by-step information that will help staff access the Uniform Assessment – Community Mental Health application. In addition, this document provides instructions to access the required online training courses. Please share this document, as appropriate, with your staff.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the appropriate Transition and Implement Support options that are presented on Page 16 of the attached document.

Sincerely,

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