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FFPSA OVERVIEW & UPDATES TO CASE DOCUMENTATION AND FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

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OVERVIEW

- FFPSA Town Halls- Key Take-Aways and FAQs
- System Updates
 - CONNECTIONS
 - OCFS Data Warehouse
 - WMS
- Implementation Updates
- Questions and Discussion

FFPSA TOWN HALLS

SEPTEMBER 2024

OVERVIEW

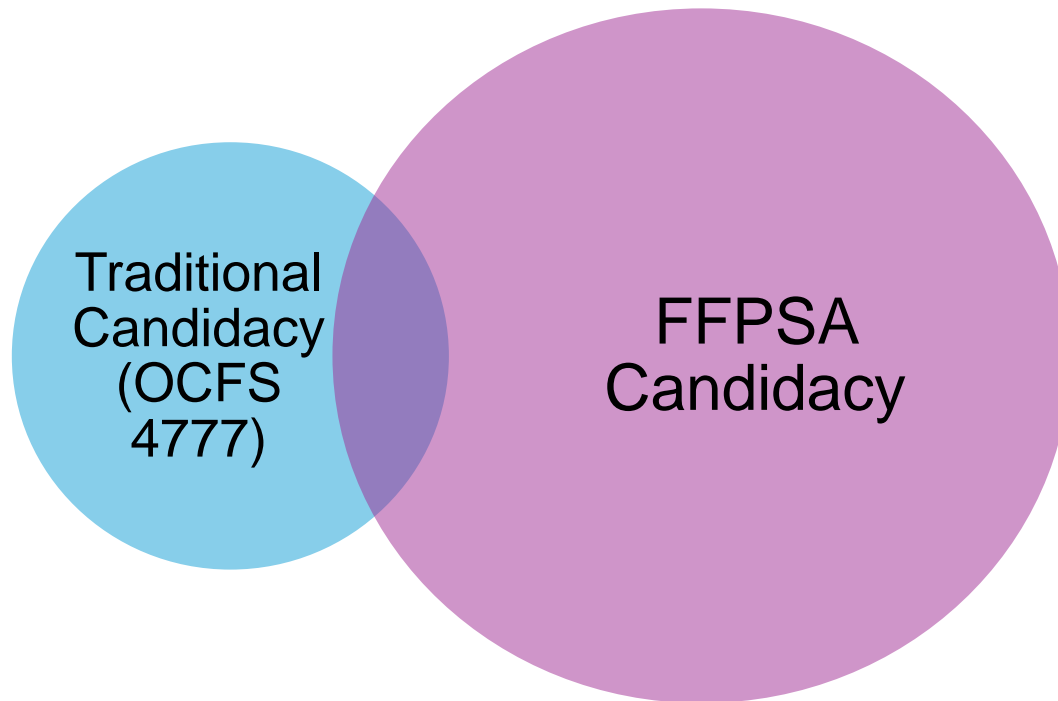
- Town Halls held on 9/13, 9/16, 9/25
- 90-minute discussion focused on FFPSA case documentation and federal reimbursement requirements for preventive services
- Recorded presentation posted on HSLC and available on demand
 - Resources include downloadable copy of slide deck

KEY TAKE-AWAYS: CANDIDACY

- Child Welfare Services Track
 - FFPSA prevention candidate - child in an open mandated or non-mandated preventive services case, not in an active foster care placement, and receiving a NYS approved FFPSA EBP.
 - FFPSA pregnant & parenting candidate - in foster care, parenting and receiving a NYS approved FFPSA EBP.
- Healthy Families NY Track
 - any child who meets HFNY screening criteria; child can be, but does not have to be, receiving preventive services.
 - Can enroll family pre-birth up to target child's second birthday.
 - Can claim for services from target child's birth through age 5.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS: CANDIDACY

- FFPSA candidacy supersedes traditional candidacy, if the child fits both criteria.



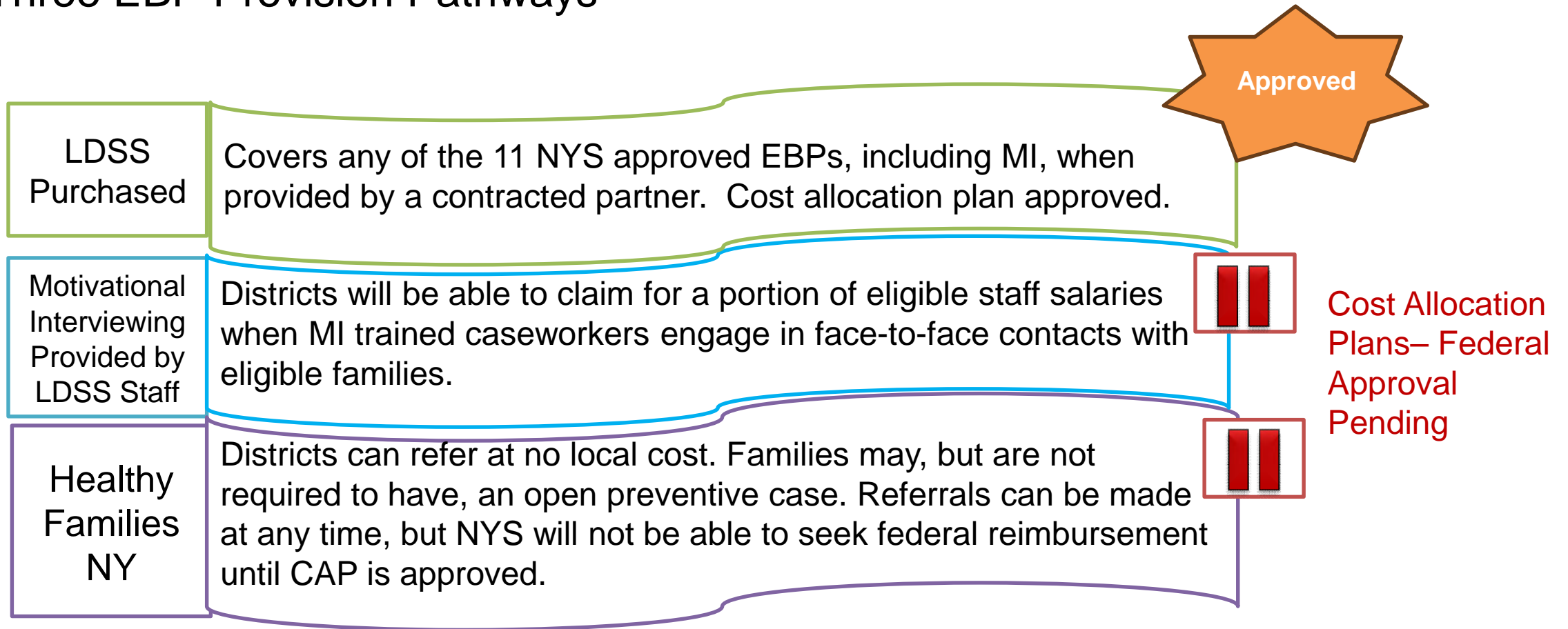
More children will potentially qualify for FFPSA candidacy than are eligible for traditional candidacy, as both mandated and non-mandated prevention cases are eligible when a FFPSA EBP is provided.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS: STATUS OF FEDERAL REVIEW

- NYS Title IV-E Prevention Services Plan was approved by Administration for Children and Families in August of 2022
- Prior to submitting claims for federal reimbursement, NYS must also have an approved Cost Allocation Plan (CAP)
 - Local District Cost Allocation Plan– approved summer 2024
 - Districts should now be documenting provision of contracted FFPSA EBP services to eligible children/families within the FASP
 - LDSS provided MI and Healthy Families New York (HFNY) CAPS are still under review

KEY TAKE-AWAYS: SERVICE COSTS

Three EBP Provision Pathways



KEY TAKE-AWAYS: MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

- Purchased from contracted partner (**CAP approved**)
 - As a stand-alone service - claimed like any other EBP.
 - In conjunction with another NYS FFPSA approved EBP - claim as one service, based on whatever model is primary.
 - In conjunction with a non-NYS FFPSA approved EBP - **if cost of MI component can be isolated**, can claim for that portion of service contract.
- Provided by LDSS staff (**CAP pending**)
 - Requires caseworker have MI training and new casework contacts documentation/functionality in CONNECTIONS.
 - To participate, LDSS must engage in fidelity monitoring with Center for Excellence (CfE) – contact CfE@yriny.org.
 - **Additional guidance forthcoming.**

FAQ- CLAIMING

- An approved Child Specific Prevention Plan (CSPP) must be in place to draw down federal reimbursement
- Multiple WMS POS lines for the same service may be needed if:
 - services start before a CSPP is approved
 - services continue and CSPP is not reauthorized on-time
 - Child's eligibility status changes mid-service
- Services falling within CSPP dates should be authorized using FFPSA specific vendor ids and purchase of service (POS) types
- Services falling outside of CSPP dates are still eligible for state reimbursement and should be authorized/claimed under existing vendor and POS types

SAMPLE CASE

Case Record	
FASP initiated	1/15/25
EBP Enrollment	1/30/25
FASP Approval	2/15/25
CSPP	2/15/25-2/14/26
EBP End Date	9/15/25

- A CSPP starts when an otherwise eligible child has an APPROVED FASP that includes delivery of a FFPSA EBP
- Services provided from 1/30-2/14/25 occurred prior to CSPP start date, so should be authorized in WMS using traditional vendor id and POS codes
- Services provided from 2/15/25- 9/15/25 are within the CSPP period and should be authorized within WMS using FFPSA specific vendor ids and POS types

SYSTEMS UPDATES

CONNECTIONS

- Connections Build 2 2024, is scheduled to released on January 22, 2025
- Automates the creation of a CSPP for otherwise eligible children upon approval of first FASP including an EBP submitted after build release date
 - Case Manager will need to verify eligibility/accuracy of FASP
 - New screens will display CSPP start and expiration date
- Candidacy codes- Activities
 - Insert update on automation process
- TIP SHEET currently being developed by PDP

OCFS DATA WAREHOUSE

- New report is being developed release date coming soon
- Allows users to select start/end date of a service period and returns:
 - Individuals with a day or more of active FFPSA EBP service during the specified window – as identified in FASP
- Useful for establishing WMS authorizations and monitoring FFPSA claiming
 - Child level details include
 - CIN, Connections and WMS caseid– costs should be split across eligible children
 - Type of FFPSA EBP (Mental Health, Substance Use, Parenting)- informs WMS POS type
 - Specific EBP Model (e.g., BSFT, FCU, FAU, FFT, etc)– should align with vendor id
 - EBP Start/End Dates
 - CSPP start and end dates- can
 - 18th birthdate
 - Foster care admission/discharge dates

WELFARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- WMS Title XX Matrix Update to include FFPSA
- WMS edit to require both DIR FF – Family First and DIR 08 – Foster Care to authorized FFPSA POS types when a CIN is age 18-21.

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

CASEWORK DOCUMENTATION IN CONNECTIONS

- New LCM
- # of attestations received/FFPSA vendor ids assigned
- # of individuals with EBPs documented in FASP
- # of CSPP created

BENEFITS ISSUANCE CONTROL SYSTEM

- # of payments seen to date