



PROVIDER ALERT

Youth Support Endorsement Training - YES Program & IBHP Enhancement June 28, 2019

Alert Summary: This alert details the required and upcoming trainings for providers that wish to provide Youth Support, which is a new service added to the IBHP effective June 30, 2019.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we have expanded services offered to child and adolescent Medicaid members through the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Program. As part of this program, Optum Idaho has implemented Youth Support as a new service effective **June 30, 2019**. To support the provider network in the implementation of Youth Support, Optum Idaho offers the Youth Support Endorsement program.

Provider Requirements

Participation in training to deliver Youth Support requires all of the following:

- Minimum of a High School Diploma (or equivalent)
- Current Peer Support Certification
- Lived experience with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) diagnosis and/or Substance Use Disorder as a youth or adolescent
- Has been in recovery for a minimum of one year

It is recommended that providers of this service are between 21-30 years of age.

Endorsement Pathway

The Optum Idaho Youth Support Endorsement is granted upon completion of all of the following:

- Optum Idaho Endorsement: General Foundation (available on Relias)
- Three online Youth Support modules on Relias (available on Relias)
 - The Relias courses must be completed prior to attending the in-person training
 - Please reach out to optum.idaho.education@optum.com to enroll in the Relias courses
- Attendance of one in-person, all-day training with completion of a test
 - Each in-person training is limited to 30 attendees

Completion of the Optum Idaho Endorsement: General Foundation and the Youth Support modules provisionally allow a Peer Support Specialist to render Youth Support beginning **June 30, 2019** until the in-person trainings are offered. The deadline to complete the in-person training is **August 21, 2019**. If additional trainings are required, the deadline to complete the in-person training will be extended.¹ Please see the table below, **Youth Support Training** section, for training dates/locations.

Community Engagement

Finally, Optum Idaho is offering three community engagement events to educate Members, families, providers, and other community stakeholders about Youth Support. These events are not required to obtain the Youth Support Endorsement, but may be beneficial to agency owners and/or supervisors. These events are limited to 60 attendees. Please see the table below, **Youth Support Community Engagement/Education Event** section for event dates/locations.

| Event | Date | Location |
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| Youth Support Training ^{1,2} | July 30, 2019 | Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls |
| | August 15, 2019 | Best Western Plus, Coeur d'Alene |
| | August 21, 2019 | Hilton Garden Inn, Boise |
| Youth Support Community Engagement/Education Event ¹ | July 29, 2019 | Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls |
| | August 14, 2019 | Best Western Plus, Coeur d'Alene |
| | August 20, 2019 | Hilton Garden Inn, Boise |

¹If necessary, additional trainings may be scheduled in Lewiston, Caldwell, and Pocatello in September

²Required for Optum Idaho Youth Support Endorsement.

Providers may register for in-person trainings and/or the community events at optumidaho.com > **For Network Providers > Provider Trainings**.