



# PROVIDER ALERT

## Youth Support Endorsement Process Update

June 15, 2020

**Alert Summary:** This alert details the changes and updates to the Youth Support Endorsement, as well as upcoming trainings for providers that wish to provide Youth Support.

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 implemented Youth Support (YS) as a new service effective June 30, 2019. To support the provider network in the implementation of this service, Optum Idaho will offer a YS endorsement. This provider alert details the elements of the updated endorsement training and process for becoming a Youth Support provider.

### Provider Training Qualifications

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

- Minimum of a High School Diploma (or equivalent)
- Current Idaho Peer Support Specialist Certification (<https://www.bpahealth.com/idaho-peer-cert/>)
- Lived experience with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or SED co-occurring with substance use disorder (SUD) as a youth or adolescent (standalone SUD lived experience is not eligible)
- Recovery for a minimum of one year
- Successfully passing a screening process

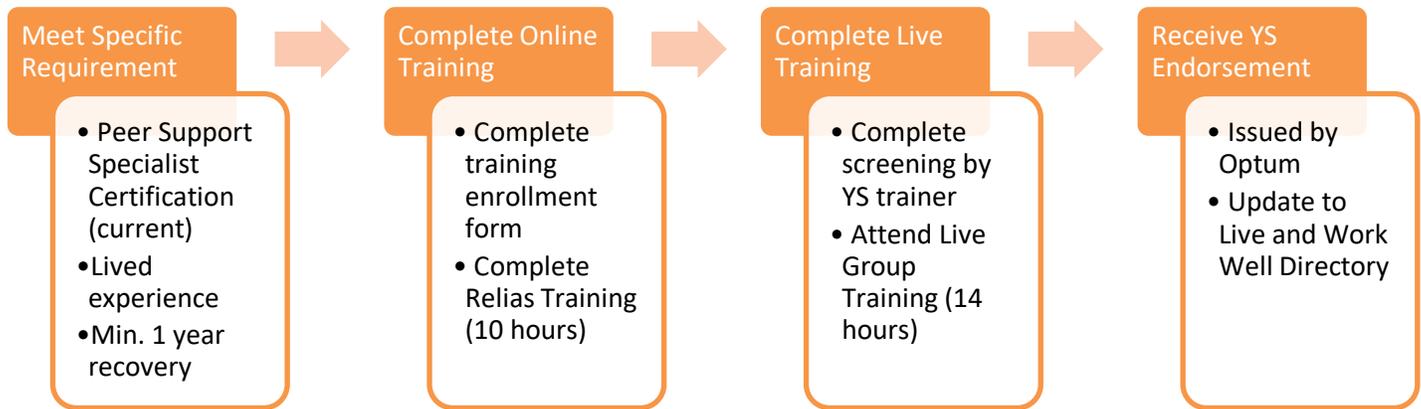
It is recommended that providers of this service are between 21-30 years of age.

### Timeline

While COVID-19 has impacted the timeline for offerings of trainings, Optum Idaho has partnered with En Route, LLC, Path to Prime, and the Idaho Federation of Families to begin offering the YS endorsement training starting in June 2020. It is important to note that individuals rendering YS must have both a Peer Support Specialist Certification granted by BPA Health and a YS endorsement granted by Optum Idaho. At present, Idaho's regulatory framework does not allow a standalone YS certificate.



## Updated YS Endorsement Pathway, as of June 15, 2020



The Optum Idaho YS endorsement is granted upon completion of all of the following:

1. Obtain and maintain an Idaho Peer Support Specialist Certification
  - More information is available at: <https://www.bpahealth.com/idaho-peer-cert/>
  - Certificate must be current and valid prior to enrolling in online training
2. Complete online YS training modules (available on Relias)
  - Please note that all YS training modules in Relias must be completed prior to attending the live webinar training
3. Complete screening interview with YS Trainer
  - For acceptance into the live webinar training, providers must successfully pass the screening interview
4. Attendance at a live webinar training over four half-days with the successful completion of a test covering the material learned.
  - Each training is limited to 20 attendees
  - During COVID-19, trainings will be offered via virtual platform. Please note, training format (live webinar or in-person) is subject to change based on the latest public health guidance.

Please note: Youth Support endorsement is Optum Idaho issued and only valid within Idaho Medicaid.

If this is of interest, please [click here](#) to complete the YS training enrollment form. More details will follow soon regarding the live webinar trainings coming in July-August.