

Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health

Medication Grant

Fact Sheet:

- **In 2000, Section 15 of Kendra's Law authorized grants to counties to provide medications and related services to treat mental illness during the pending of a medical assistance eligibility determination. The Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health has developed a Medication Grant Program (MGP) that will insure the availability of psychiatric medication for those individuals diagnosed with mental illness while they await their Medicaid eligibility determination.**
- **This program applies to mentally ill individuals that are being released from the Westchester County jail system, State prisons, and psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations.**
- **The transition manager working with the mental health forensic unit in the Westchester County jail system and the pre-release mental health workers in state prisons as well as discharge planners/deputized workers from the hospitals will be responsible for assisting individuals in completing the proper Medicaid applications. These forms should be completed seven days prior to the individual's release/discharge. 7 DAYS AFTER 17057 - DISCHARGE**
- **Prior to release or discharge the transition manager and/or the discharge coordinator will fax an enrollment form to the Medication Grant Manager at DCMH.**
- **DCMH will enroll the individual in the MGP by faxing an enrollment form to First Health Services Corporation, a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM).**
- **Upon confirmation of enrollment DCMH will issue a benefits card to the individual. Along with the benefits card, a list of all pharmacies participating in this program will be given to the enrollee or designee as indicated on the enrollment form. The benefits card provides the individual with the ability to have prescriptions filled at any of the approved pharmacies.**

- **Completed Medicaid forms are to be delivered to the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH) by the transition managers and the discharge planners/deputized hospital workers.**
- **DCMH will be responsible for reviewing applications for completeness and screening for the likelihood of Medicaid eligibility. Once reviewed, DCMH will send the Medicaid application to Westchester County Department of Social Services to expedite the Medicaid eligibility process.**
- **Once DSS has determined that the applicant is eligible for Medicaid they will notify DCMH. The individual will then be disenrolled from the Medication Grant Program.**
- **If the individual is denied Medicaid, they can apply to the Co-payment fund established by DCMH and administered by New York Presbyterian Hospital.**

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