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DMHA announces changes to child mental health wraparound access site policy

In September 2021, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) announced that the Child Mental Health Wraparound Program (CMHW) would move to a centralized statewide model for the access site. The access site is the single point of entry for youth and families who wish to explore their eligibility for CMHW services.

In 2019, the DMHA conducted a statewide listening tour to gather input regarding the access sites and to solicit feedback as it related to a statewide model. During these events, the DMHA gathered information from a variety of groups, including the current access sites, the Department of Child Services (DCS), the local system of care (SOC) and community members. In 2020, the DMHA released a formal request for information and was able to gather more valuable input regarding the feasibility of a statewide access site model. Upon reviewing this information, and assurances that families will receive a conflict-free assessment, the DMHA made the decision to move to a centralized statewide CMHW access site. This change will take place during calendar year 2022.

To prepare for the rollout of the statewide access site for the CMHW program, the DMHA is announcing the following changes to access site policy, effective Feb. 1, 2022:

- Removal of the local SOC's role in authorizing the access site (*This function will now solely be the responsibility of the DMHA.*)
- Retracting Appendix A and removing the requirements of an access site plan
- Retracting Appendix B and removing the high-fidelity wraparound access site application process

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