

Provider Bulletin

December 2022

Child Health Plus benefit expansion

In accordance with *Public Health Law* §2510(7), Child Health Plus (CHPlus) covered health services will be expanded effective January 1, 2023, to include the following services:

- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services: services include young adult ACT and youth ACT
- Medical supplies
- Orthodontic services for a severe physically handicapping malocclusion
- Air ambulance services (emergency services)
- Air and ground transportation between facilities (emergency transports)
- Children and family treatment and support services:
 - Services include services provided by other licensed professionals (OLP), crisis intervention, community psychiatric supports and treatment (CPST), psychosocial rehabilitation services, family peer support services, and youth peer support.
- Core limited health-related services at a voluntary foster care agency (VFCA)/29-I health facility

Please note, most benefit changes are consistent with what Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) is already covering in our Medicaid Managed Care line of business.

CHPlus members have received notification and an amendment to their member handbook.

Refer to the Empire **provider manual** for more detailed information and related benefits/services. Contact your Provider Relationship Management representative if you have questions related to this update at **800-450-8753**.



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