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**To:** Local Mental Health Authorities  
Local Behavioral Health Authorities  
Youth Empowerment Services Waiver Providers

**Subject:** Broadcast Message No. 20.053  
COVID-19 Guidance to Youth Empowerment Services Waiver  
Providers — Clinical Eligibility Extended

In accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will extend Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver eligibility for enrolled individuals whose eligibility would otherwise expire during the emergency period.

Any clinical eligibility (CE) scheduled to expire from March 13, 2020, through June 30, 2020, will automatically be extended for 90 days through a system change in CMBHS. No action is required on the part of YES Waiver providers.

Providers may continue completing YES assessments (e.g., Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths) to help inform the wraparound planning process; however, they should not complete and submit a CE form in CMBHS during this time.

Of note, if a renewal CE entered on March 13, 2020, or later resulted in an individual's disenrollment due to not meeting criteria, the provider of record should contact the individual and offer re-enrollment if that individual elects to continue participation in the waiver for an additional 90 days. HHSC will contact providers to offer assistance with next steps.

The YES Waiver program staff will continue to provide additional guidance and support as information becomes available.

If you have questions about this broadcast, email [yeswaiver@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:yeswaiver@hhsc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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