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TO: Optum Idaho contracted Idaho Behavioral Health Plan Providers,

On January 2, 2018, Liberty Health Services will begin assessing children up to 300% Federal Poverty Level for eligibility to receive Youth Empowerment Services, and those that are interested in receiving a Medicaid reimbursed respite service. Through this independent assessment, children and youth that are identified as Medicaid eligible and who qualify as a class member will be required to receive a Person-Centered Plan developed by the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH).

If the members that seek eligibility through the independent assessor are currently receiving services from your agency, or are referred and select to access services through your agency, DBH plan facilitators will contact you to collaborate in the person-centered planning process. As described in the YES Foundational Trainings hosted by Optum Idaho in November, the Person-Centered Planning process looks to engage the youth and family in all aspects of planning and care to ensure their needs and strengths are included in the plan. If you are serving a member that requires a person-centered plan your participation is vital to supporting the member and family for consistency in the planning process. When the plan is completed, DBH staff will provide the document to your agency and you can integrate it into your agency’s treatment plan for the youth.

If you did not have the opportunity to join the trainings or would like to review the material, the trainings are available on Relias Learning with a link on Optum’s website at www.optumidaho.com. In addition, please see the FAQ document developed from the trainings: https://www.optumidaho.com/content/ops-optidaho/idaaho/en/providers/yes-faqs.html

If you have any questions, please work with your Optum Provider Network support staff or email optum.idaho.yes@optum.com.