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**To:** Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA)  
Executive Directors  
Children's Mental Health Directors

**From:** Trina Ita MA, LPC, Director   
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**Re:** Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Policy Manual

**Purpose:**

The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver has updated the policy manual currently posted on the YES Waiver website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/yes/>. Comments and input from stakeholders should be sent to Erin Oehler at [erin.oehler@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:erin.oehler@dshs.state.tx.us). Future revisions to the manual will be communicated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and posted to the YES Waiver website.

**Of Note:**

There has been a substantive policy change regarding the individual plan of care (IPC) start and end date. The IPC start and end dates will now be aligned with the clinical eligibility determination (CED) start and end dates. Currently, this will be done manually in Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS), until an IT fix to CMBHS is implemented.

**Contact:**

For questions or further information regarding the YES Waiver policy manual, please contact Erin Oehler at [erin.oehler@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:erin.oehler@dshs.state.tx.us) or (512) 206-5852.

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