

## **Behavioral Health Redesign Brief: Respite Services for Children with Certain Mental Health Conditions and their Families**

Respite services for children with mental health diagnoses and their families will be implemented as part of the Ohio Medicaid Behavioral Health Redesign Project. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in partnership with Ohio's Medicaid managed care plans are updating the eligibility criteria and provider qualifications for Medicaid respite services to include children with serious emotional disorders and provider agencies who serve them. Changes to recipient and provider eligibility were vetted through the Behavioral Health Redesign Benefit and Service Development Workgroup on September 26, 2016 and revisions were then incorporated in the revised rule (Ohio Administrative Code 5160-26-03 "Managed health care programs: covered services") which was submitted to the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO) on October 7, 2016. The CSIO comment period ended on October 14, 2016. The rule will be filed this week with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) for a February 2, 2017 implementation date.

### **State Agencies are Seeking Potential Respite Service Providers**

ODM and OhioMHAS are seeking mental health services agencies (Ohio Medicaid provider type 84) who are interested in becoming providers of respite services to children and their families. Because the respite service will be part of the Medicaid benefit administered through Ohio's Medicaid managed care plans, state staff will collect information from interested providers and share it with the Medicaid managed care plans who are responsible for enrolling and paying providers of this service. Each managed care plan will set its own provider panel of providers and payment rate for the respite service.

### **The following summarizes the criteria a provider must meet to qualify as a respite provider at the agency AND individual practitioner level:**

#### **Agency Requirements:**

To render respite services, a provider agency must be:

- 1) Enrolled in the Ohio Medicaid program as a provider type 84 **AND**
- 2) Accredited by at least one of the following:
  - a. The "Joint Commission"
  - b. The "Council on Accreditation"
  - c. The "Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities"

### Agency Employee Practitioner Requirements:

**Prior** to an employee commencing delivery of the respite service, the employee must:

- 1) Be credentialed by the Ohio counselor, social worker and marriage and family therapist board, the state of Ohio psychology board, the state of Ohio board of nursing or the state of Ohio medical board **OR**
- 2) Have received training for or education in mental health competencies and has demonstrated, prior to or within ninety days of hire, competencies in basic mental health skills along with competencies established by the agency;  
**and**
- 3) Obtain and maintain first aid certification from a class that is not solely internet-based and that includes hands-on training by a certified first aid instructor and a successful return demonstration of what was learned in the course;  
**and**
- 4) Comply with the criminal records check requirements listed in OAC rule 5160-43-09 when the services are provided in an HCBS setting.

**After** commencing delivery of the respite service, the employee must:

- 1) Receive supervision from an independently licensed behavioral health professional credentialed by the Ohio counselor, social worker and marriage and family therapist board, the state of Ohio psychology board, the state of Ohio board of nursing or the state of Ohio medical board.

In order to begin gauging interest in providing respite to this population, please have a representative of your agency send the following information to: [bmhc@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:bmhc@medicaid.ohio.gov)

- 1) AGENCY NAME PRIMARY CONTACT, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL.
- 2) THE NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVIDER TYPE 84.
- 3) THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION(S) CURRENTLY HELD BY THE AGENCY.
- 4) AGENCY LOCATION(S) AND ADDRESS(ES) WHERE THE RESPITE SERVICE MAY BE OFFERED.