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>>> RSS Quality Payment Update

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce that the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Quality Payment Program will be continued for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016. During Quarters 1 and 2 of SFY 2016 only (unless determined otherwise by OhioMHAS), the RSS Quality Payment will provide ancillary payments directly to operators of those eligible living environments that house residents receiving RSS. The goal of the RSS Quality Payment is to enhance the quality of care of the living environment and expenditure of program funds should benefit all residents, *including those who are currently not receiving RSS*. Please note that the RSS Quality Payment rates have increased from \$120 to \$220 per month (or \$660 per quarter) for each resident receiving RSS and operators will receive funds on a quarterly basis. All Adult Family, Foster, and Group Home operators licensed by OhioMHAS and Residential Care Facilities/Assisted Living licensed by the Ohio Department of Health may participate in the RSS Quality Payment Program. Participating operators must be licensed as a state vendor with Ohio Shared Services (OSS), have an OAKS Vendor ID, and be in good standing with the Office of Licensure & Certification or Ohio Department of Health in order for their applications to be considered. A letter will be sent out this week to home operators with additional information. All application instructions and forms are available on the [RSS Quality Payment Program's webpage](#).

>>> Ohio Awarded \$1.8M Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CAHBI) Enhancement Grant

OhioMHAS has received a two-year, \$1.8 million Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States Enhancement Grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to promote greater access to treatment, permanent housing and recovery supports for veterans and non-veterans who experience homelessness or chronic homelessness. The \$3.6 million in additional funding will support three new projects serving four new counties (Lucas, Mahoning/Trumbull and Stark) in addition to the five previously-funded projects (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery and Summit). OhioCAHBI will focus on outreach and engagement, connection to permanent housing and the implementation of an array of evidence-based practices, including: Critical Time Intervention; Housing First and Motivation Intervention; Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT); SSI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) and supported employment. The project is expected to serve an additional 270 individuals within the original three-year grant period.

>>> Ohio Medicaid Ends the Year \$1.9 Billion Under Budget

Ohio Medicaid enrolled three million Ohioans on average monthly in the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 (SFY 2015), almost 40,000 people below what was projected to occur when the program expanded in 2014. Enrollment in the expansion group was 152,000 people above the original

estimate but more than offset by traditional enrollment, which was 192,000 people below estimate. The shift in enrollment has occurred as the Ohio economy improves and Medicaid enrollees move up and out of the traditional program into the higher-income expansion group, and as a result of a new and more accurate eligibility system that automatically verifies income, assigns enrollees to the correct eligibility category, and moves people off the program as their financial situation improves. As a result, SFY 2015 Ohio Medicaid spending was \$1.9 billion below the original budget estimate enacted by the Ohio General Assembly.

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