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## >>> SFY 2017 Grant Information for Applicants (GIFA)

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to release the [Grant Information for Applicants \(GIFA\) document](#) for State Fiscal Year 2017. As in previous years, the document is a list of grants by provider and amount, organized by program area. Agency program contacts are also listed. Boards and providers are encouraged to contact the OhioMHAS Office of Financial Management and/or their program liaison, as appropriate, with questions. Information about both grant and allocations for FY 2017 is available [here](#).

[Overview Memo](#)

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[OhioMHAS 2017 – Allocation Type Funding](#)

## >>> Governor Signs Bills

Ohio Governor John R. Kasich has signed a flurry of bills into the law the past week, including:

- [Sub. HB 110](#) (Hill) increases the penalty for failure to stop after a traffic accident that results in the death of a person or serious physical harm to a person. Also included in HB 110 is *Ohio's 9-1-1 Good Samaritan Law*. This provides immunity from arrest, charging, prosecution, conviction and penalization under certain circumstances for a minor drug possession offense to a person who seeks medical help for a drug overdose being experienced by that person or another, or who is the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance for a drug overdose. The bill also requires emergency medical service personnel to report the administration of naloxone on request of a law enforcement agency in specified circumstances and for specified purposes.
- [Sub. SB 129](#) (Gardner, Cafaro) amends the law related to the prior authorization requirements of insurers and delays the effective date of certain laws regarding community mental health and addiction services. SB 129 will delay the requirement that all county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards provide the full continuum of care services from Sept. 15, 2016 to July, 1, 2017. This will work better because that date coincides with some significant Medicaid benefit changes, as well the start of the next fiscal year.
- [Sub. SB 204](#) (Seitz) makes the suspension of an offender's driver's license for a violation of specified drug offenses discretionary rather than mandatory, except in specified circumstances; authorizes a court to terminate a driver's license suspension imposed for specified drug offenses committed out-of-state; generally authorizes a court to terminate a previously imposed mandatory suspension for specified drug offenses; provides for the suspension of an offender's driver's license for possessing nitrous oxide

in a motor vehicle; and makes consistent the provisions of law governing the ability of a court to grant limited driving privileges.

- [Sub. HB 50](#) (Pelanda, Grossman) extends the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age 21; requires that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide; and conforms to recent amendments to federal Title IV-E program requirements.
- [SB 159](#) (Hughes) creates various license plates, including a vanity license plate for Brecksville-Broadview Heights, St. Ignatius, and Chagrin Falls Schools and requires a portion of funds generated to go towards programs that address the emotional and mental well-being of students.

### >>> Ohio Advances Value-Based Payment Models

Last week the Governor's Office of Health Transformation hosted two webinars to update health care providers on Ohio's progress to financially reward practices that improve health outcomes while holding down the total cost of care.

- ***Comprehensive Primary Care Payment Model***  
On June 8, Ohio Medicaid and the state's four largest commercial health insurance plans applied to the federal government to designate Ohio a statewide comprehensive primary care (CPC) region. If selected, Medicare, Medicaid and the commercial plans agree to provide enhanced reimbursement for advanced primary care beginning in January 2017.

[Primary care presentation](#) and [webinar](#)

- ***Episode-Based Payment Model***  
OHT reported that Ohio Medicaid is currently sending performance reports to the specialists primarily responsible for 13 high-cost episodes of care (commercial plans are using similar reports), and announced plans to design an additional 30 episodes in 2016. The information in the performance reports will be converted into referral reports for primary care practices to assist them in connecting their patients to high-value specialists.

[Episode presentation](#) and [webinar](#)

### In the News

6.15.16 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Hagen gets state mental health honor](#)

6.13.16 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Ohio '911 Good Samaritan' law granting immunity for overdose calls signed by Gov. John Kasich](#)

6.12.16 | *Lima News* (Series) [Heroin: A Different Kind of Drug Problem](#)

6.10.16 | *Marion Star* [Ohioans rarely using law to force drug treatment](#)

6.10.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Nationwide Children's announces major expansion, behavioral health center](#)

6.9.16 | *Military Times* [\\$275M pledge will fund free mental health facilities for veterans, families](#)

6.8.16 | *WKBN-TV* [Mental health resource center in East Liverpool provides peer support](#)

6.8.16 | *Modern Medicine* [Walgreens partners with MHA in mental health offering](#)

6.8.16 | *Toledo Blade* [Ohio Rep. Sears leaving legislature for position with Office of Health Transformation](#)

6.8.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Feds approve Ohio plan for disability services](#)

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