



# News Now

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## >>> OCAAR Webinars: Person-Centered Care and Why it Matters in Recovery

In recognition of September as Recovery Month, Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) is offering a free, four-part [Person-Centered Care and Why it Matters in Recovery](#) webinar series. To join these webinars, contact [dsaunders@oca-ohio.org](mailto:dsaunders@oca-ohio.org) or click the following links:

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## >>> Lorain County Anti-Drug Task Force Fighting Back with Impactful Anti-Heroin Video

The Lorain County Anti-Drug Task Force, in partnership with the Elyria City School District and University Hospitals – Elyria Medical Campus, has developed a powerful 15-minute educational video that explores the impact of opiate addiction in the county. [Heroin: Your First Time May be Your Last](#) features interviews with personnel from the Task Force, Elyria Police Department, University Hospital, LifeCare Ambulance and a mother her lost her son to an overdose. The video explores the toll of the opiate epidemic on the county, the important role naloxone plays in saving lives, and seeks to prevent young people from ever trying prescription opioids and heroin. The video is circulating throughout the community and is being shown to students in Elyria Schools.

## >>> CMS Denies Healthy Ohio Program Waiver; Personal Responsibility Remains Priority for Ohio Medicaid

Today the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) denied the Healthy Ohio Program 1115 Demonstration Waiver. This waiver request was submitted to CMS in late June by the Ohio Department of Medicaid, as required in law by the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Operating Budget. In 2015, Governor John Kasich proposed Medicaid enrollees who are not disabled and have income above 100 percent of poverty pay a portion of their insurance premiums, which is the norm for private health insurance. The final version of the budget replaced the Administration's premium program with a legislative requirement to enroll most Medicaid recipients into health savings accounts regardless of income. In light of today's announcement, the Administration will restart talks with the General Assembly about other options for ensuring greater personal responsibility, including the premium program as originally proposed.

[CMS letter](#)

[Ohio request](#)

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9.9.16 | *WKBN-TV* [Rock Against Heroin raising funds for addiction recovery housing](#)

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