



Confirmation of Medicaid Payments to Behavioral Health Providers and “Revalidation” Update

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Staff at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has recently received inquiries from Certified Public Accounting firms seeking confirmation of behavioral health (BH) provider payments made by Ohio Medicaid during the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (SFY 2013).

For services provided prior to July 1, 2012, BH providers may have received payment confirmation from their local ADAMHS/ADAS/CMHS Board(s) as they were still part of the Medicaid payment processing system. However, with the “elevation” of community BH Medicaid payments to the state level via MITS effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2012, Boards are no longer able to document and confirm Medicaid payments to BH providers. BH providers of Medicaid services are reminded that **every claim submission and payment made for Medicaid services is documented in the Remittance Advice sent securely to each provider’s MITS web portal. It is the responsibility of each Ohio Medicaid provider to track and maintain these remittance advices** for any needed accounting purposes, including year-end audits. Because of this, ODM will not provide any additional payment documentation or confirmation.

Providers are also reminded that the release of patient identifying information to any party, including contracted auditing firms, must be done in a manner compliant with Federal and state confidentiality requirements.

Medicaid Provider Revalidation

On February 15, 2013, a BH MITS Bits, available here: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=239>, was issued stating that in the Fall of 2013, BH providers would be subject to the Federally required “revalidation” (re-enrollment) and payment of a \$532 re-enrollment fee. ODM **WILL NOT** be revalidating BH Medicaid providers this fall. We will provide an advance update via a BH MITS Bits when ODM has a new initiation time frame for “revalidating” BH providers.

Questions or more information can be obtained by calling the Ohio Medicaid provider call center at 1-800-686-1516.