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TO: Executive Directors, AOD and MH Agencies  
Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers  
Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies  
Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers  
Public Children Services Association of Ohio

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RE: Requirements for Medicaid Service Claims Processed in the Medicaid Information  
Technology System (MITS) for Dates of Service on or after July 1, 2012 and Electronic  
Data Interchange (EDI) Transactions

Staff from ODADAS, ODMH and ODJFS have been working with the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) vendor, Hewlett-Packard (HP), to configure MITS to support processing of claims for Medicaid behavioral health services. These changes will be effective July 1, 2012. All Medicaid claims for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012 must be submitted directly by ODMH and/or ODADAS certified providers to the MITS for processing and payment. All claims for dates of service before July 1, 2012 should still be processed through MACSIS. These changes do not alter the processes used for non-Medicaid claims.

One major change is the enforcement of requirements for EDI. The standards used by MACSIS for 837P/835 5010 transactions do not meet the standards required for MITS. These two data sets are **NOT** interchangeable. Initial information on the identified differences was shared with stakeholders at the EDI focus group held on Thursday, March 1, 2012. At that meeting, staff members from ODADAS, ODMH and ODJFS shared excel spreadsheets comparing the MACSIS and MITS 837 and 835 transaction sets.

**Effective July 1, 2012, behavioral health providers submitting service claims to MITS MUST assure that their provider level software used to create 837P files and read 835 files be correctly coded to support the requirements of MITS. Other options available for submitting claims include manually entering them using the MITS provider portal or contracting with an already certified ODJFS trading partner. Companion guides and MACSIS and MITS comparison documentation is available on the "MACSIS and MITS Claims Processing in State Fiscal Year 2013" web page located at <http://www.mh.state.oh.us/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/macsis/macsis-mits-claims-processing.shtml>.**

cc: Executive Directors of ADAMH/ADAS/CMH Boards  
Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities