TO: All Community AoD and MH Medicaid Providers

FROM: Angie Bergefurd, Assistant Deputy Director, ODMH
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DATE: January 27, 2011, Sent via e-mail

SUBJECT: MEDICAID MANAGED CARE CLARIFICATION

On January 3, 2012, ODJFS sent to all ODJFS-contracting managed care plans (MCPs) a communication clarifying its policy regarding MCPs contracting with community alcohol and other drug treatment programs and/or mental health centers. We have attached this communication for your reference.

Language in the SFY 2012 Medicaid Managed Care Provider Agreement was amended effective January 1, 2012, to clarify that MCPs are permitted to contract with ODMH-certified community mental health centers and ODADAS-certified treatment programs for services other than those reimbursed through the community Medicaid programs.

Specifically, the MCP contract states:

MCPs may contract with ODMH community mental health centers and/or ODADAS alcohol and other drug treatment providers for medical services based on MCP business or operational needs intended to enhance patient-centered medical home and care coordination. These contracts must expressly prohibit payment for services for which the nonfederal share of the cost is provided by a board of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services or a state agency other than ODJFS.

The ODADAS and ODMH behavioral health services reimbursed through the community Medicaid programs are:

Alcohol and other Drug Treatment: Ambulatory Detoxification, Assessment, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Group Counseling, Individual Counseling, Intensive Outpatient, Laboratory Urinalysis, Medical/Somatic and Methadone Administration.
Mental Health: Partial Hospitalization, Pharmacological Management, CPST-Individual, CPST-Group, Crisis Intervention, Mental Health Assessment, Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview, Behavioral Health Counseling-Group and Behavioral Health Counseling-Individual.

Services for which MCPs may enter into a contract with ODMH-certified community mental health centers and ODADAS-certified treatment programs include, but are not limited to: primary care services; mental health preventative services; and wrap-around services.

Questions related to MCP requirements and the MCP Provider Agreement may be directed to the Managed Care Contract Administration Section, Bureau of Policy and Health Plan Services, Office of Ohio Health Plans. Contact information is listed at the end of the attached memorandum.

cc: ADAMHS/ADAS/CMH Board Executive Directors
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To: Medicaid Coordinators, Contracting MCPs

From: Dale Lehmann, Chief, Managed Care Contract Administration Section, Bureau of Policy and Health Plan Services

Subject: CLARIFICATION REGARDING CONTRACTING WITH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs)

Date: January 3, 2012

Language in the SFY 2012 Medicaid Managed Care Provider Agreement was amended on January 1, 2012 to clarify that MCPs are permitted to contract with Ohio department of mental health (ODMH) community mental health centers (CMHCs) and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS)-certified providers as long as there is no agreement to compensate for services that can be paid through the publicly-funded community system. The clarification in the provider agreement was made to encourage opportunities for care coordination.

Pursuant to ORC Section 5111.16, MCPs are not responsible for payment when the non-federal share of the cost of the services is provided by a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, or a state agency other than ODJFS. As always, the decision of the MCP and a community provider to enter into a contract is not required by ODJFS and should be based on your business or operational needs (e.g. enhance patient-centered medical home and care coordination).

If you have any questions about this change, please contact Dale.Lehmann@jfs.ohio.gov or Rafiat.Eshett@jfs.ohio.gov by e-mail or by calling (614) 466-4693.

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