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>>> UPDATE: PASRR-SMI Contract Change/ New Fax Number

Earlier this month (July 9), [OhioMHAS released a communication](#) notifying you that PASRR-SMI (Level II) assessments would be completed by a new vendor, Keystone Peer Review Organization Inc., (KEPRO Inc.). In consultation with KEPRO, OhioMHAS has finalized the details of the transition and would like to share some key information:

- 1) Ascend Management will stop receiving faxes for PASRR-SMI assessments at **6:00 pm EST on July 31, 2015.**
- 2) KEPRO, Inc. will begin accepting faxes and completing PASRR-SMI assessments at **6:01 pm EST on July 31, 2015**; All PASRR applications should be faxed to **1-844-610-6736.**
- 3) There will be no changes in how PASRR is implemented in Ohio.
- 4) You will continue to interact with your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the HENS 2.0 system when submitting PASRR applications, as usual.
- 5) All technical assistance questions should be addressed to: (PASRRchanges@mha.ohio.gov). A list of frequently asked questions is also attached.

Thank you for your support and consideration as we collaborate to ensure individuals diagnosed with mental illness are served in the most appropriate setting consistent with treatment needs. Questions? Please contact Terry Watts, OhioMHAS, Bureau of Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review at 614.466.1063 or Terry.Watts@mha.ohio.gov.

In the News

7.26.15 | *Canton Repository (Editorial)* [Number of infants suffering from drug withdrawal climbs](#)

7.25.15 | *Toledo Blade* [Deaths from opiates are 'epidemic' in region](#)

7.25.15 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State program to fight heroin crisis](#)

7.24.15 | *WHIZ-TV* [Muskingum County Leaders Coming Together to Combat Heroin](#)

- 7.24.15 | *Columbus Dispatch* [New housing planned for homeless, addicted](#)
- 7.23.15 | *Canton Repository* [Mental health services for children topic of forums](#)
- 7.22.15 | *Ohio eSchool Coalition Blog* [Youth Drug Abuse Prevention Initiative Urges Ohio Parents to "Start Talking!"](#)
- 7.22.15 | *WKSU 89.7* [Portage County imposes sales tax hike to combat heroin crisis](#)
- 7.21.15 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Billboards being used in Champaign County heroin fight](#)
- 7.21.15 | *U.S. News & World Report* [What to Do During a Mental Health Crisis](#)
- 7.8.15 | *Cincinnati Refined* [A New Approach to Mental Illness](#)

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from setting up the Department exhibit today to show off some of the materials available to fair patrons who visit the OhioMHAS exhibit

at the Fair. This year's State Fair runs July 29 – Aug. 9. Come visit us in the Marketplace Building!