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## >>> Behavioral Health Redesign Will Begin Jan. 1, 2018

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will implement Behavioral Health Redesign on Jan. 1, 2018, on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis for all Medicaid enrollees other than MyCare Ohio members, who will receive their redesign benefits via their MyCare Ohio plan. The traditional managed care plans will begin covering behavioral health services for their members on July 1, 2018, when “carve-in” takes place.

Beginning January 1, 2018, community behavioral health providers will have three options to submit Medicaid claims:

1. Submit claims through the new beta tested system via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).
2. Submit claims directly through the Ohio Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) portal.
3. Participate in a time-limited, cash-flow contingency plan.

### **MITS Portal**

Community behavioral health providers that are not able to submit claims using the new billing codes via EDI in January 2018 can utilize the MITS portal. The MITS portal allows providers to submit FFS claims for reimbursement, correct denied claims for resubmission, adjust or void paid claims, or copy a claim to create a new claim. When submitting a claim via the MITS portal, the system performs data entry edits and informs providers when system related data is missing BEFORE a claim is actually submitted. This option is currently available to all community behavioral health providers, and will allow providers to have 100 percent of their claims adjudicated expeditiously. Guidance for submitting claims using the MITS portal can be found [HERE](#).

### **Time-limited, cash-flow contingency plan**

Ohio Medicaid has developed a contingency plan to assist community behavioral health providers that need time beyond Jan. 1, 2018, to transition to the new coding requirements and choose not to utilize the MITS portal.

Providers that choose this option will be eligible for contingency payments under the following conditions:

1. Medicaid, using state funds, will advance a monthly payment for January, February, March and April 2018 equal to 54.6 percent of the provider’s average monthly Medicaid reimbursement in calendar year 2016
2. At any point, a provider may connect to the system and bill for services provided after Jan. 1, 2018.
3. Medicaid will recover the advance payment by offsetting claims paid between May 1 and June 30, 2018.

Providers that intend to utilize this option must return a signed copy of the BH Advanced Payment Agreement in PDF format to [BH-Enroll@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:BH-Enroll@medicaid.ohio.gov) by 5 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2018. Providers can access the BH Advanced Payment Agreement [HERE](#).

### **Provider Support**

Beginning Jan. 2, a rapid response team will be available to provide technical assistance six days a week\* to ensure a successful transition to the new code set and behavioral health benefit package. The rapid response team will provide technical assistance to any provider billing using the new code set – via EDI or the MITS portal – and will be available as long the volume of inquiries warrants it. The rapid response team will also be available to providers using the advanced payment option as they prepare to begin billing using the new code set.

- For the rapid response team: Call the Medicaid provider hotline (1-800-686-1516) and select Option 9 OR email [BH-Enroll@Medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:BH-Enroll@Medicaid.ohio.gov).
- For EDI processing: Call the Medicaid provider hotline (1-800-686-1516) and select Option 4 OR email [OhioMCD-EDI-Support@dxc.com](mailto:OhioMCD-EDI-Support@dxc.com).
- Each MyCare plan also will have [provider support](#) available.

\*Ohio Medicaid will be closed on Jan. 1 and Jan. 15

For more information about Behavioral Health Redesign, visit <http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov>. Questions? Submit inquiries [HERE](#).

### **>>> Lottery Tickets and Gambling Games Should Not Be Gifted to Youth**

When people think about gambling, they usually are not thinking about youth gambling, yet studies show that some of the highest rates of problematic gambling are among youth under age 18. During the holiday season this can be made worse by well-meaning parents and relatives who give lottery tickets, scratch-offs and other gambling games to children. OhioMHAS and the National Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators distributed a [media release](#) today to spread the word that lottery tickets and other gambling products are not suitable for children under age 18.

### **>>> SAMHSA Recovery LIVE! Virtual Event: Gender-Responsive Recovery Supports – Dec. 28**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy invites you to will host a webinar about gender-responsive approaches to support behavioral health recovery on Dec. 28 from 2-3 p.m. Research suggests that the experience, prevalence and trajectory of mental and substance use disorders differ between gender groups, as does the effectiveness of different forms of treatment. Presenters will share practical approaches to providing gender-responsive recovery supports, including frameworks and vocabulary for understanding the different dimensions of gender and how to engage different gender groups. Participants can engage directly with presenters and other participants through a live chat, polls, and other interactive features. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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12.20.17 | Dayton Daily News [Billboards give shout-out to first responders in Montgomery County](#)

12.19.17 | *WRGT-TV* [Physicians learning how medication can help fight addiction at WSU](#)

12.18.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [From Bhutan to Forest Park: Refugees confront the pain of youth suicide](#)

12.18.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Lindner Center in Mason gets whopping \\$75M donation for mental health care](#)

12.16.17 | *NBC News* [One in five kids are at risk for mental health problems: Is too much screen time to blame?](#)

12.16.17 | *Fortune* [Facebook admits social media can harm your mental health](#)

12.16.17 | *Lisbon Morning Journal* [Lisbon educators seeing benefits of truancy prevention program](#)

12.16.17 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition distributes drug deactivation bags](#)

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