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John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

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>>> Governor to Unveil SFY 2018-19 Executive Budget Proposals, Stakeholder Webinar Planned for Jan. 31



BUILDING FOR OHIO'S NEXT GENERATION

BUDGET OF THE STATE OF OHIO • FISCAL YEARS 2018–2019

Gov. John R. Kasich will unveil his executive budget proposals for State Fiscal Years 2018-19 at 1 p.m. Monday. Despite an ambiguous economic outlook, the "Building for Ohio's Next Generation" budget continues to strengthen Ohio's behavioral

health system. On **Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m.**, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Tracy Plouck will host a stakeholder webinar wherein she will discuss the Governor's proposals and provide a high-level overview of what's in store for Ohio's behavioral health services system. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar. The webinar will be recorded and shared on the [OhioMHAS Budget & Legislation web page](#) for later viewing. This page will also serve as a portal for testimony and all other budget-related items.

More Budget Resources:

[Watch the budget roll-out live on the Ohio Channel](#)

[Executive Budget Website](#) (Live after 1 p.m. Monday)

[Office of Health Transformation](#) (Materials available Monday afternoon)

>>> OhioMHAS Promotes National Practice Guidelines for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder



As Ohio begins the transformation with the Behavioral Health Redesign, it is important we implement practices for ease of our providers that are in line with these new changes. The Clinical Roundtable has recommended that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) implement [the National Practice Guidelines for the use of Medications in the treatment of Addiction Involving Opioid Use](#) developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). These Guidelines

align with the service and billing practices in accordance to Medicaid Reimbursement, and they will bring our state in alignment with the nationally recognized best practices for the treatment of opioid use disorder. ASAM guidelines were developed for the evaluation and treatment of opioid use disorder and for the management of opioid overdose. They are primarily intended for clinicians involved in evaluating patients and providing authorization for pharmacological treatments, and they will replace the *Low Dose Protocol* initially established for opioid treatment by the former Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

In the News

1.27.17 | *Huntington Herald-Dispatch* (Editorial) [Ohio making progress to reduce painkiller prescriptions](#)

- 1.27.17 | *The Press-News* [Stark County Deputies visit SVDAI meeting](#)
- 1.26.17 | *Oxford Journal-News* [Mental health agency opens Oxford location](#)
- 1.26.17 | *Troy Daily News* [Tri-County unveils plans for wellness center](#)
- 1.26.17 | *WLWT-TV* [Documentary examines heroin's grip on Greater Cincinnati](#)
- 1.25.17 | *Akron Beacon-Journal* [Akron Children's behavioral health unit for kids in crisis expands this month, already full](#)
- 1.25.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Opioid prescriptions in Ohio down more than 20 percent over last four years](#)
- 1.25.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Group plans Medina County goal-setting session to combat heroin addiction](#)
- 1.25.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Cuyahoga County, Cleveland pledge \\$1.5M to tackle heroin: What are other counties doing?](#)
- 1.25.17 | *Canton Repository (Editorial)* [Recovery housing vital to curbing addiction crisis](#)
- 1.25.17 | *WCMH-TV* [How to avoid 'digital depression'](#)
- 1.24.17 | *ThisWeek* [Grandview schools: Year-old group revs up drug prevention efforts](#)
- 1.20.17 | *The Associated Press* [Trafficking cases reported to hotline from Ohio on the rise](#)

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