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>>> New Behavioral Health Benefits Start July 1

This week behavioral health providers will begin testing system changes that will add important new behavioral health benefits starting July 1, 2017. As a result of these changes, individuals with the most severe illnesses will have access to a wider array of services, including assertive community treatment (ACT) for adults, family counseling, and intensive home-based treatment (IHBT) for youth at risk of out of home placement. During consideration of the rules to implement these changes, some providers raised concerns about the system's capacity to make the necessary changes. However, based on recommendations from the Common Sense Initiative and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Ohio) to proceed, a multi-year process of intensive stakeholder engagement, and significant policy changes that were made to accommodate provider concerns, Ohio Medicaid filed rules on April 14 to activate the new benefits as planned on July 1. Also on July 1, Ohio Medicaid will begin paying for inpatient stays in freestanding psychiatric hospitals through managed care, a change that will significantly expand private inpatient provider capacity and reduce stress on emergency services.

[NAMI Ohio recommendation to not delay](#)

[Activities to assure provider readiness](#)

[Common Sense Initiative review](#)

[Provider testing underway](#)

[Payment update for psychiatric hospitals](#)

Upcoming BH Redesign Trainings:

[Behavioral Health Redesign "401" Webinar – May 22](#)

[Prior Authorization for Behavioral Health Providers Webinar – May 23](#)

>>> SFY 2018-19 Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project Funding Opportunity

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce that the Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project will be available to specialized dockets not currently receiving funding from this initiative. The funding will be available for the periods of SFY18 July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and SFY19 July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Please note that funds supporting this project are granted based on an estimate of state and federal funds for mental health and addiction services in Ohio. Should funding be reduced below the estimated level, the amount of funds approved for this project may be reduced or terminated per written notice to the applicant by OhioMHAS. All applications and accompanying documentation must be submitted via email to specialized.docket@mha.ohio.gov. This solicitation will remain open until such time as all available funds have been awarded. All prospective applicants must submit their questions in writing

to specialized.docket@mha.ohio.gov by June 2. Questions and answers will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#).

[Specialized Dockets Payroll Subsidy Project – Request for Applications](#)

[Competitive Specialized Dockets Payroll Subsidy Project Application](#)

>>> National Prevention Week is May 14-20



[National Prevention Week](#) (NPW) is May 14-20. Sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, this annual health observance is dedicated to increasing the prevention of substance use and promotion of mental health. The observance brings individuals, organizations, coalitions, states, and communities together through local events to raise awareness about the importance of preventing substance use and mental disorders. This year's theme is "Making Each Day Count." View a [fact sheet](#) on NPW. Download a free [toolkit](#) and [promotional materials](#).

In the News

- 5.8.17 | *ABC News* [Instagram launches #HereForYou campaign for mental health awareness](#)
- 5.8.17 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Mental health housing opens in Waverly](#)
- 5.8.17 | *Salem News* [Mental Health Month targets 'Risky Business'](#)
- 5.8.17 | *Columbus Monthly* [GO Team reaches out to Summit County overdose victims](#)
- 5.7.17 | *Canton Repository (Commentary)* [Collaboration is vital in battle against opioid epidemic](#)
- 5.6.17 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Akron-area schools keeping an eye on Netflix show '13 Reasons Why,' urge parents to be watchful too](#)
- 5.5.17 | *Circleville Herald* [May is Mental Health Awareness Month](#)
- 5.5.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Hamilton County sees 7th youth suicide this year](#)
- 5.4.17 | *WKEF-TV* [First responders receiving special training for encounters with people with mental illness](#)
- 5.4.17 | *WTVG-TV* [Toledo area school district fights back against the heroin epidemic](#)
- 5.4.17 | *NPR* [Research explores how youth access to guns is linked to mental health issues](#)
- 5.3.17 | *Hillsboro Times-Gazette* [Paint Valley 'very disappointed' in defeat of levy](#)
- 5.1.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Summit County Opiate Task Force to kickoff youth addiction conversation with documentary screening](#)
- 4.29.17 | *Akron Beacon Journal (Editorial)* [What did we do in the opiate epidemic?](#)

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