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>>> Opioid STR/CURES Act Technical Assistance Calls: January 2018 Schedule

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is facilitating a series of statewide technical assistance calls to discuss projects and topics related to the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant through the 21st Century CURES Act. Each call covers different topics and includes about 10 minutes of content presentation, while the remaining time is utilized for participant questions and open discussion. Please click [here](#) for the January 2018 call schedule and select the hyperlinked topics to register for the call through the webinar system. Please send future topic requests and direct any questions related to the calls to CURESteam@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> MITS Portal Training for Behavioral Health Providers – Jan. 5

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will host a webinar for community behavioral health providers on how to submit Medicaid claims using the MITS portal on Jan. 5 from 1-3p.m. The webinar may be especially helpful for agencies that need a bit more time to update their electronic billing systems to submit EDI transactions using the new Medicaid behavioral health code set and policies. All community behavioral health providers are able to bill for services to non-MyCare Medicaid enrollees using the MITS portal. MITS provides a “copy” feature that speeds up data entry. Feedback on a claim submission is immediate and payment for successfully submitted claims will occur during the next billing cycle, usually the next calendar week. The MITS portal can also be used to correct denied claims, adjust or void paid claims.

Click [HERE](#) to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar. The webinar and its slide presentation will be recorded and posted to the [training resources section](#) of the Behavioral Health Redesign [website](#). In addition, providers can also review existing guidance on using the MITS portal currently available on the ODM website.

>>> SAMHSA Finalizes Substance Use Disorder Patient Privacy Rule

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [announced](#) it has finalized changes to Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records regulations (42 CFR part 2). These changes, discussed in a [January 2017 Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), will facilitate sharing of substance use disorder patient information for payment and healthcare operations purposes with patient consent; support audit and evaluation activities; and permit use of an abbreviated notice of prohibition of re-disclosure that may assist those using electronic health records. The new rule continues SAMHSA’s effort to align 42 CFR part 2 with other health privacy rules such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The [new rule](#) will be published in the Federal Register.

>>> The Role of Substance Use and Opioid Misuse in Child Welfare Caseload Increases Webinar Jan. 24

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty will present “The Role of Substance Use and Opioid Misuse in Child Welfare Caseload Increases” webinar on Jan. 24 from 2-3 p.m. In this webinar, Robin Ghertner and Annette Waters from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, will present results from a study demonstrating a causal link between county-level indicators of substance use and opioid misuse prevalence, and child welfare indicators. They will also discuss the specific mechanisms by which parental substance use has led to the rise in caseloads, and unique challenges the current opioid epidemic is presenting to child welfare systems. Click [HERE](#) to register.

In the News

1.3.18 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer (Editorial)* [Ohio lawmakers should keep the seriously mental ill off Death Row](#)

1.1.18 | *Dayton Daily News* [Local drug deaths: Hundreds die, but ‘it’s a lot less’ than expected](#)

12.31.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [New Medicaid rule will further open acupuncture services to 108,000 Ohio patients with low back pain, migraines](#)

12.31.17 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [New detox center set to open in Sandusky](#)

12.30.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Colleges help students destress as anxiety, depression rise](#)

12.30.17 | *Modern Healthcare* [Commentary: Invest in pediatric mental healthcare to avoid adult crises](#)

12.28.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Crestview Hills teen’s suicide leaves family trying to understand what happened](#)

12.28.17 | *Canton Repository* [Canton getting national youth opiate prevention award](#)

12.28.17 | *WHIZ-TV* [‘Stepping Up’ Resolution](#)

12.28.17 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Summit County drug courts try new approaches](#)

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