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>>> Standard Authorization Form Finalized

Under Ohio Revised Code [§3798.10](#), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is required to develop a standard authorization form covering the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) in alignment with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy of individually identifiable health information rule [45 C.F.R. §164.508](#) and [42 C.F.R. Part 2](#) regarding the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records by a Part 2 program. The purpose of the standard authorization form is to improve care coordination for Ohio patients, including making it more efficient to share PHI in accordance with federal and state requirements and to streamline the integration of physical and behavioral health care in Ohio. While Ohio health care providers are not required to use the form, they are required to accept and act upon a properly executed form.

ODM has final filed the Standard Authorization Rule, Ohio Administrative Code [§5160-1-32.1](#) with an effective date of Jan. 3, 2019. The requirement for a properly executed form to be accepted is applicable 30 days after the effective date of the final filed rule which is Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.

ODM has posted information on the Standard Authorization Form in the providers section of their website [HERE](#). Scroll about half way down the page and you will find the “Standard Authorization Form” information which include a link to a fillable PDF version of the form, instructions for completing the form, a fact sheet about the form and the e-mail address of StandardAuthForm@medicaid.ohio.gov where questions about the form may be submitted.

>>> Ohio Early Childhood Systems Conference – March 25-28

Save the date! The Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Medicaid and Mental Health and Addiction Services are teaming up to host the Infant and Early Childhood Wellness: A Systems Approach to Integrated Care conference March 25-28 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus. Each of Ohio’s Early Childhood Cabinet Agencies will highlight aspects of the statewide systems approach to achieving health and wellness outcomes for Ohio’s children and families. Online registration will be available in mid-January.

>>> NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program

To help combat the nation’s opioid crisis, the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has launched the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program. The program supports the recruitment and retention of health professionals needed in underserved areas to expand access to treatment and prevent overdose deaths. Applications are being accepted now through 7:30 p.m. ET on Feb. 21. Before applying, carefully read the [2019 Application and Program Guidance](#). Persons using assistive technology may not be able to fully access information in these files. For assistance, please call 1.800.221.9393. An [informational webinar](#) will be held Jan. 10 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. ET. Dial-in: 1.888.950.7563 | Participant Code: 3172361.

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