



# News Now

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## >>> Ohio Medicaid Seeks Public Input on Making the Program Work Better

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) today [released](#) a request for information (RFI) to gather public input as ODM begins the process to select new managed care partners. ODM's first step in the process is collecting feedback on current Medicaid services, what is working and ideas for improvement.

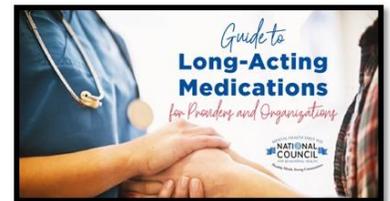
Feedback is being sought from individuals and providers in multiple areas, including:

- How managed care organizations communicate and support individuals and providers
- What benefits are most helpful
- How to best coordinate individual care
- How to file complaints and appeal managed care organization decisions

All feedback is important and will be considered throughout this process. Anyone that would like to share their experience with the current Medicaid managed care program or ideas and solutions for the new program are able to submit feedback through the [RFI webpage](#).

## >>> National Council Releases New Guide to Long-Acting Medications

The National Council for Behavioral Health has published a new [Guide to Long-Acting Medications for Providers and Organizations](#). The Guide is a call to action for psychiatrists, other clinicians and behavioral health organizations to increase safe and appropriate use of long-term medications, which are also known as long-acting antipsychotic medications and long-acting injectables. Click [HERE](#) to download a free copy.



## >>> 30th Annual UMADAOP State Conference — Sept. 11-13\*

Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP) of Ohio will host its 30th annual state conference, "Preserving the Past and Moving to the Next Level" Sept. 11-13 at the Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo. The conference offers cutting-edge training and information on culturally relevant services for community-based substance abuse prevention and behavioral health professionals, coalition leaders, nurses, educators, criminal justice personnel, and faith leaders. The conference sessions will help attendees strengthen and develop essential and enhanced culturally responsive leadership skills that will better equip one's ability to help increase healthy lifestyles, and resiliency among youth, families and communities. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. **\*Updated to Show Corrected Dates.**

## In the News

6.13.19 | [WOSU 89.7 All Sides: Criminal Justice and Mental Health](#)

6.12.19 | [NBC News U.S. death rates from suicides, alcohol and drug overdoses reach all-time high](#)

6.12.19 | [The New York Times Inside the Elementary School Where Drug Addiction Sets the Curriculum](#)

6.12.19 | [WOIO-TV Cleveland group uses art therapy to help patients in treatment for drug addiction](#)

6.12.19 | [WKSU 89.7 Akron Billboard Campaign Looks to Combat Rising Suicide Rates](#)

6.12.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State Board rejects marijuana to treat opioid addiction, depression, insomnia](#)

6.11.19 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Lorain County Boys and Girls Club receives \\$150K grant](#)

6.11.19 | *WIRED* [LGBTQ+ Youth Prefer to Seek Mental Health Help Digitally](#)

6.10.19 | *USA Today (Opinion)* ['13 Reasons Why': When it comes to suicide, not all 'conversations' are equal](#)

6.10.19 | *The Associated Press* [Study: Legalizing pot no remedy for U.S. opioid deaths](#)

6.10.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [New report details how opioid epidemic can be tackled in Appalachian counties](#)

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