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***** Revised Implementation Schedule for Behavioral Health Redesign Announced**

In recognition of the time and technical assistance needed for providers and system stakeholders to thoughtfully transition to the new evaluation and management (E & M) and nursing activity code set, the Departments of Medicaid and Mental Health and Addiction Services announced today a [revised implementation schedule](#) for Behavioral Health Redesign. The coding changes, previously slated to begin Jan. 1, 2017, will now begin July 1, 2017 without a voluntary transition period. The deadline for final transition remains unchanged; all Medicaid behavioral health providers must submit claims using the new behavioral health code set effective July 1, 2017.

Please note: Jan. 1, 2017 remains the implementation date for rendering practitioners to be reported on Medicaid community behavioral health service claims. Please review the [April 19 issue of MITS Bits](#) for more information on rendering practitioner enrollment.

The [Specialized Recovery Services \(SRS\) program](#) implementation remains August 2016.

***** Updated Coverage and Limitations Workbook Available**

On June 15, the Departments of Medicaid and Mental Health and Addiction Services shared a coverage and limitations Excel workbook that includes all codes and guidance to practitioners on what the limitations of billing are, as well as tabs that cover overall benefit packages. An [updated version](#) of the workbook is now available.

For more information on Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, visit <http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov>. We value your feedback and questions. Submit inquiries [HERE](#).