

Behavioral Health Redesign Brief:

Guidance for the Specialized Recovery Services Expansion Population (Group VIII) Referral Process

Please share this notice with staff at your agency who are focused on the SRS referral process.

This is a follow-up to the [May 23 issue](#) of MITS BITS: Guidance for Specialized Recovery Services Referral Process.

It will be important to prioritize Group VIII individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, who are receiving services from a behavioral health provider and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits that exceed \$743 per month and who will soon be eligible for Medicare. Individuals receiving SSDI who become eligible for Medicare at the end of the 24-month waiting period are no longer eligible for Group VIII coverage.

It is critical to identify individuals before they become eligible for Medicare because the addition of Medicare coverage is considered a significant benefit change and will trigger an eligibility review. This may happen at any time during the current period.

The State is actively working on a data match solution to identify Group VIII individuals who will soon be eligible for Medicare and meet the above criteria. While this work is ongoing, behavioral health providers who are willing and able to identify qualifying individuals and their SSDI award dates are encouraged to refer these individuals to Ohio Medicaid to be referred for SRS assessment.

How to assist with verifying SSDI benefits award date:

Individuals who need a Social Security benefit verification letter can request one by setting up a [My Social Security Account](#) or by contacting the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. More information on these two options can be found [here](#).

Please only refer individuals who meet all the following criteria:

- » Group VIII individual as verified in MITS
- » Diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness as listed in the [appendix](#) of Rule 5160-43-02;
- » Receiving SSDI benefits for 20 months or longer (the best evidence of an individual's disability determination is a Social Security benefit award date verification letter); and
- » Income between \$743 and \$2,199 per month (the best evidence of an individual's income is a Social Security benefit verification letter).

Providers can verify Group VIII individuals by entering the MITS provider eligibility portal and looking under the benefit and assignment plan tab. Please see the following screenshot for an example:

Benefit / Assignment Plan					
Benefit / Assignment Plan	Effective Date	End Date	Provider Name	Dental Co-Pay Amount	Vision Co-Pay Amount
MAGI-GROUP VIII: Alternative Benefit Plan Medicaid Expansion	08/25/2016	08/25/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00
MAGI-GROUP VIII: MRDD Targeted Case Mgmt	08/25/2016	08/25/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00
MAGI-GROUP VIII: Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services	08/25/2016	08/25/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00
MAGI-GROUP VIII: Ohio Mental health	08/25/2016	08/25/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00
MAGI-GROUP VIII: Medicaid	08/25/2016	08/25/2016		\$0.00	\$0.00

Providers may also verify Group VIII individuals through a 270 Eligibility Inquiry and 271 Eligibility Response. For the best results, the 270 Eligibility Inquiry should contain the recipient name, address, DOB, their Ohio Medicaid 12 digit recipient ID and the date(s) for which the provider is seeking eligibility information.

The 271 Eligibility response will provide the following for recipients enrolled in Group VIII on the dates in the inquiry. Please see the following for a sample 271 Eligibility Response:

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EB*1*IND*30*MC*MAGI-GROUP VIII-Alternative Benefit Plan Medicaid~
DTP*307*RD8*20151001-20160227~
MSG*PARTIAL~
EB*1*IND*30*MC*MAGI-GROUP VIII-MRDD Targeted Case Mgmt~
DTP*307*RD8*20151001-20160227~
MSG*PARTIAL~
EB*1*IND*30*MC*MAGI-GROUP VIII-Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service~
DTP*307*RD8*20151001-20160227~
MSG*PARTIAL~
EB*1*IND*30*MC*MAGI-GROUP VIII-Ohio Mental health~
DTP*307*RD8*20151001-20160227~
MSG*PARTIAL~
EB*1*IND*30*MC*MAGI-GROUP VIII-Medicaid~
DTP*307*RD8*20151001-20160227~
MSG*PARTIAL~
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The EB, DTP and MSG segments are all within the 2110C loop. Future dates should not be sent on the 270 Eligibility Inquiry but providers can check up to three years in history from the date of inquiry.

Providers should send referrals to the Ohio Department of Medicaid via secure e-mail at BHCP@medicaid.ohio.gov with the subject line: "SRS Group VIII Program Referrals". Follow the instructions at the end of this notice to establish a secure e-mail connection with Ohio Medicaid.

Providers may download, complete, and submit their referrals using the SRS Group VIII Referral Template via secure e-mail. The template can be found [here](#).

Provider agencies responsible for identifying individuals for referral to SRS can contact Rick Tully of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation at (614) 477-1945 with any questions about this process.

Directions to Establish a Secure E-Mail Connection with Ohio Medicaid:

1. Access the State's secure e-mail system: <https://web1.zixmail.net/s/login?b=oit>. (Please Note: Providers can only use the State secure e-mail system to send secure e-mail to State of Ohio e-mail addresses.)
2. Click the "Register" button at the bottom center of the page.
3. Follow the registration directions and establish an account.
4. Log-in and use the "Compose" tab to send an SRS Referral e-mail and attach the completed referral template to: BHCP@medicaid.ohio.gov