

Behavioral Health Redesign Brief:

Revised Medicaid Respite Service Effective February 1 2017

On February 1, 2017, Medicaid respite services became available for children with mental health needs who are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care. Ohio stakeholders representing children with mental health needs and their families expressed to ODM and OhioMHAS that short term, temporary relief for informal unpaid caregivers is a critical component of the behavioral health service continuum and expanding the Medicaid behavioral health benefit in this area is critical to supporting Ohio families. The definition of “respite services”, eligibility criteria and provider qualifications are described in Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-26-03 which became effective February 1, 2017.

This respite service is fully “carved in” to Ohio’s Medicaid managed care program which means requests for coverage of respite services must be made to and approved by the child’s Medicaid managed care plan in accordance with the OAC rule requirements. Toll free provider services phone numbers and web site addresses for Medicaid managed care plans are below.

Managed Care Plan	Toll Free Provider Services Phone Number	Managed Care Plan Website Address
BUCKEYE	1-866-296-8731	www.buckeyehealthplan.com
CARESOURCE	1-800-488-0134	www.caresource.com
MOLINA	1-855- 322-4079	www.molinahealthcare.com
PARAMOUNT	1-888-891-2564	www.paramounthealthcare.com
UNITED HEALTHCARE	1-800-600-9007	www.uhcommunityplan.com

Medicaid Claims Policy Revised on Identifying Supervisors

ODM announces a behavioral health redesign policy update on listing supervisors on Medicaid claims on and after July 1, 2017. In response to stakeholder feedback, the identification of a practitioner's supervisor on a Medicaid claim will be OPTIONAL. The only required submission of a supervisor on a claim will be when a CPT code-identified service is rendered by any of the following unlicensed practitioners who are performing the service under direct supervision:

- Chemical dependency counselor assistants
- Counselor trainees
- Social worker trainees or
- Marriage and family therapist trainee.

In these instances, Medicaid claims must include the supervisor's NPI in the supervisor field on the claim in order for payment to be processed for the CPT code. These practitioners are unable to perform these services without the direct supervision of an independently licensed practitioner. For claims to be submitted using HCPCS codes for the practitioners listed above, a supervisor NPI on the claim is optional.

This updated policy has been reflected in the most recent version of the Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Manual and is being included in MITS programming for July 1, 2017.

Clarification on Practitioner Enrollment in Medicare

We have heard from the Ohio Council about some possible confusion regarding requirements for practitioners enrolling in Ohio Medicaid. There is no requirement that practitioners be enrolled in MediCARE prior to enrolling with Ohio MediCAID.

However, enrolling in Medicare is strongly recommended for practitioners eligible to enroll with Medicare and who will be serving Medicare enrollees. Beginning July 1, 2017, claims for Medicare billable services and practitioners that are submitted to Medicaid as the first payer will be denied