

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 healthcare in Ohio. While Ohio healthcare 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 January 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, February 2, 2019.

ODM has posted information on the Standard Authorization Form in the providers section of their website here: <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/provider>. 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.