*** Fee for Service Testing Period Extended to Dec. 15

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has extended the fee for service (FFS) testing period until Dec. 15 to allow more time for community behavioral health providers to ensure readiness for Jan. 1, 2018, implementation of BH redesign. With this extension, EDI test claim files may be submitted until midnight on Friday, Dec. 15.

- Testing instructions can be found in the MITS Bits released on 10/17/2017;
- Updates with common testing errors can be found in the MITS Bits released on 11/9/2017.

ODM’s Rapid Response Room and DXC Help Desk will continue to be available during the extended weekday hours to answer questions that arise from testing. Please note the Rapid Response Room and DXC Help Desk will not be available over the Thanksgiving weekend - from 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 through 7:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

Please keep in mind that all testing must be submitted via a trading partner. Claims must be in HIPAA compliant EDI format.

All behavioral health agencies that test with ODM are encouraged to also submit test claims to MyCare managed care plans with which they have a contract.

**Beta Testing**

While the time period for FFS testing has been extended, all beta test scenarios must be submitted by Nov. 30, 2017, in order for ODM to review all scenarios and make the determination required by H.B. 49.

For more information on Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, visit http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov. We value your feedback and questions. Submit inquiries HERE.