



MyCare Ohio Northeast Region Medicaid Enrollment Effective May 1, 2014

On May 1, 2014, Ohio's first integrated care delivery system will begin serving individuals enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid. The project, named "MyCare Ohio" will launch first in Northeastern Ohio, including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. Beginning May 1st, individuals with health care coverage from both Medicare and Medicaid residing in the Northeast region will be enrolled in one of three competitively selected managed care plans (MCPs): Buckeye, Caresource and United Healthcare. Statewide, there are five MyCare Ohio Plans serving eligible members: Aetna, Buckeye, Caresource, Molina and United.

Eligible individuals must choose a MyCare Ohio Plan for their Medicaid benefits and may choose to receive their Medicare services from the plan. Effective January 1, 2015, individuals who have not elected to get Medicare coverage from a MyCare Ohio plan will automatically be enrolled for both Medicare and Medicaid services, unless they elect a different Medicare option.

What does this mean for behavioral health providers serving people in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and/or Medina counties?

Effective May 1, 2014, ALL Medicaid services, including community mental health and AoD services will be managed and paid for by one of the MyCare Ohio managed care plans in the region.

We suggest that behavioral health providers take the following steps in order to prepare for the MyCare Ohio roll out:

- 1) Check your client records to identify dually eligible adults age 18 + and ask your clients about any insurance (Medicaid) coverage changes, including asking about any updates or enrollment in a MyCare Ohio managed care plan.
2) Beginning May 1, use the MITS portal and/or the Ohio Medicaid 270/271 eligibility transaction to track MyCare Ohio enrollment information. You will be able to distinguish MyCare Ohio managed care information from general Medicaid managed care enrollment, and whether the client is enrolled with the MyCare Ohio plan for Dual Benefits (both Medicare and Medicaid) or Medicaid Only (Medicare billing goes to traditional Medicare or another Medicare Advantage plan). Here are two examples of MITS portal information that will be in the managed care panel:

Table with 5 columns: Plan Name, Plan Description, Effective Date, End Date, Managed Care Benefits. Row 1: CARESOURCE, HMO, MyCare Ohio, 04/16/2014, 04/16/2014, Medicaid Only.

Table with 5 columns: Plan Name, Plan Description, Effective Date, End Date, Managed Care Benefits. Row 1: AETNA BETTER HEALTH INC, HMO, MyCare Ohio, 04/01/2014, 04/01/2014, Dual Benefits.

- 3) For addiction services, obtain all necessary Federal of state required consent and/or release of information authorization from patients who are enrolled in a MyCare Ohio managed care plan so that you may contact the plan to share patient information and coordinate ongoing care for them. Due to programmatic arrangements and responsibilities assigned to the MyCare Ohio managed care plans, this is one of the most important steps behavioral health providers need to implement to assure continuation of services and continuity of care.