



MyCare Ohio Northwest, Northeast Central and Southwest Regions Medicaid Enrollment Effective June 1, 2014

On June 1, 2014, Ohio’s integrated care delivery system will begin serving individuals enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid in three additional regions. “MyCare Ohio” will begin operations in the Northwest region (covering Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa and Wood counties), the Northeast Central region (covering Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties), and the Southwest region (covering Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties). Beginning June 1st, individuals with health care coverage from both Medicare and Medicaid residing in these regions will be enrolled in one of the following managed care plans (MCPs): Aetna, Buckeye, CareSource, Molina or 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 these counties?

Effective June 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 June 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:

Managed Care				
Plan Name	Plan Description	Effective Date	End Date	Managed Care Benefits
CARESOURCE	HMO, MyCare Ohio	04/16/2014	04/16/2014	Medicaid Only

Managed Care				
Plan Name	Plan Description	Effective Date	End Date	Managed Care Benefits
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.*

Please visit the Ohio Department of Medicaid MyCare Ohio website at: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/PROVIDERS/ManagedCare/IntegratingMedicareandMedicaidBenefits.aspx> for additional information.