

To: Behavioral Health Partners

From: John McCarthy, Director, Office of Medical Assistance
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Re: Medicaid SPMI Health Homes update

The purpose of this memo is to provide important information related to the status of the Medicaid SPMI Health Homes project. If you have any questions on the items in this memo, feel free to contact Angie Bergefurd, Assistant Deputy Director of Health Integration at healthhomes@mh.ohio.gov or 614-387-2799.

Health Homes

1. Phase II & Phase III Implementation

Phase I of the health home project went live in five counties on October 1, 2012. Currently, approximately 14,000 individuals are enrolled and receiving coordinated services. This is a significant positive milestone in the integration of physical and behavioral health. Several lessons were learned in the launching of this first phase, particularly regarding the updating of Medicaid's MITS claims processing system.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), in conjunction with the Office of Medical Assistance (OMA), is working on additional guidance and information regarding the application process and provider requirements in an effort to ensure that consumers and providers receive the best possible products from the state as Health Home implementation rolls out. Therefore, rather than implement in three phases as originally planned, the decision has been made to combine Phase II and Phase III implementation with the target date of July 1, 2013.

The revised approach will still meet the intent of offering health homes statewide in July and includes several benefits:

- Potential Health Homes will have additional time to take advantage of technical assistance resources offered through the technical assistance and training initiatives mentioned below;
- Health Homes workforce shortages and inappropriate client enrollment issues will be mitigated. ODMH & OMA can ensure that the quality measures associated with health homes align with the CMS core measures articulated in the January 15, 2013, State Medicaid Director letter.

ODMH will conduct webinars and presentations to inform and prepare providers and other stakeholders for the application process prior to the scheduled statewide implementation. Keep up-to-date on the latest information on health homes on the initiative's website: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/medicaid/hhc-main.shtml>

2. Health Home Learning Community

OMA and ODMH are pleased to announce the launch of Ohio's health home learning community; this initiative will provide support to Ohio's Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) that are participating in Phase I of Medicaid health homes. Additional information can be found at the website on the previous page.

3. Ohio Training and Technical Assistance Center

ODMH is launching technical assistance and training initiatives to promote and support adoption of integrated health care and health home service delivery models for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. In this endeavor, ODMH is focused on assembling a cadre of nationally recognized experts, consultants and trainers to deliver technical assistance and training to community behavioral health centers that are interested in transforming their practices through implementation of integrated physical and behavioral health care and health home service models. Information related to these initiatives can be found on the health homes website. A calendar of training and technical assistance opportunities will be available in the next couple of weeks.

4. SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions/National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors State Dialogue

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS), in collaboration with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health conducted an all day workshop on January 14, 2013. All materials from the workshop are available on the ODMH health homes website (link above).

This dialogue provided our state with an opportunity to engage state policy makers, primary care associations, community behavioral health associations, SAMHSA and HRSA regional administrators and providers in meaningful discussions about bi-directional, primary care and behavioral health integration. The event also helped to facilitate the creation of partnerships among key stakeholders in our state and to identify clear action items regarding state activities and efforts around integration. Expert consultation was available related to practice transformation, using data to

improve care, best-practices on health and wellness, and federal initiatives and implications for health home activities at the state level.

The group also engaged in a discussion related to next steps, which include:

- Addressing the need for technical assistance related to electronic health records and data exchange;
- Sponsoring a facilitated discussion related to the needs of children and health homes;
- Developing and implementing ongoing engagement of hospitals and other systems;
- Addressing the need for technical assistance related to population-based care, performance improvement and outcomes.

CC: Greg Moody, Director, Office of Health Transformation