

Ohio

Department of
Mental Health



MEDICAID HEALTH HOMES

for people with serious and persistent mental illness

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A Medicaid Health Home can keep people with a mental illness healthier

Ohioans with mental illness represent about 10 percent of Ohio's Medicaid population but 26 percent of all Medicaid spending. In addition to serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI), these individuals commonly experience serious physical health conditions related to mental illness. Governor John Kasich's Jobs Budget (HB 153) authorized Ohio Medicaid to design a person-centered system of care – called a "health home" – to improve care coordination for high-risk beneficiaries. Ohio Medicaid teamed with the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) to focus first on creating health homes for Medicaid beneficiaries with SPMI.

Helping people lead healthier lives can greatly reduce the negative impacts of living with long-term mental illness. Physical health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease are common for people with SPMI. These conditions, often exacerbated by medications taken to treat mental illness, are preventable when care providers treat the whole person instead of a particular illness. Medicaid health homes aim to break down the silos that exist between physical healthcare benefits and providers and behavioral health services and funding streams. This is accomplished by offering comprehensive medical, behavioral, long-term care and social services that are timely, of high quality, integrated and coordinated by a core team of multi-disciplinary professionals.

Health home providers will be Community Behavioral Health Centers and will be reimbursed on a monthly basis for health home services. Sites will be selected based on a center's ability to meet defined qualifications. An individual who is eligible for health home services can obtain comprehensive medical, mental health and drug and/or alcohol addiction treatment, and social services that are coordinated by a team of health care professionals working through the CBHC. The health home services are covered under an individual's current Medicaid plan, so there is no charge to the patient. Participation in this program is voluntary.

Because the health home concept is based on a provider's willingness to transform its practice, the Medicaid health homes for individuals with SPMI will be implemented through a phased-in approach based on the county or counties of the provider's service area as opposed to the county of residence of the consumer. The counties in the first phase – Adams, Butler, Lawrence, Lucas and Scioto – represent three regions of the state and include rural, suburban and urban populations. They offer diversity geographically and in the models of care that can be offered. The hope is that with more comprehensive treatment, the SPMI population will be healthier and require fewer hospital admissions and other high-cost medical care.

More information about Medicaid Health Homes is available by calling the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at 1-800-324-8680.

**Certified Ohio Medicaid Health Home Service Providers* for
Individuals with Serious & Persistent Mental Illness**

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Shawnee Mental Health Center		John Bowman Email: j.bowman@shawneemhc.org Phone: 740-533-6280
Lucas County		
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