

FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

Pursuant to 42 CFR 440.386 and 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) is giving notice of the department's intent to expand payment for certain rehabilitative services and make changes to the State's home- and community-based services option under section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act, known in Ohio as the Specialized Recovery Services (SRS) program.

In accordance with Am. Sub. HB 33 of the 135th General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Medicaid is proposing to expand coverage of behavioral health peer support services as a mental health rehabilitative service to all individuals needing behavioral health peer support service as a mental health or substance use disorder rehabilitative service. With this expansion, peer support service will no longer be provided through the SRS program, but will still be available to individuals receiving benefits under the SRS program.

Implementation of this change is expected to have no fiscal impact on the SRS program, but is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures for rehabilitative services by approximately \$13,400,000.

The State assures compliance with 42 CFR 440.345 including full access to EPSDT services by requiring all Medicaid managed care organizations to provide EPSDT services under the terms of their contracts with the State, as required by 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2). Section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is not applicable to Ohio as there are no federally-recognized tribes in the State.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
Any county department of job and family services; or
On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-43.

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attn.: John Dunn, SRS Policy Administrator, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, and may be reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: John.Dunn@medicaid.Ohio.gov. Comments must be received by May 23, 2024.

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