

**FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

Pursuant to 42 CFR 440.386 the Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) gives initial notice of the department's intent to amend the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) that is authorized under section 1937 of the Social Security Act for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid pursuant to section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act.

The department is updating the ABP to include the Ohio Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence (OhioRISE) program. OhioRISE is a specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs, and aims to keep more kids and families together by creating new access to in-home and community-based services for children with the most complex behavioral health challenges. The department intends to implement OhioRISE on or after July 1, 2022.

The ABP is being updated to change the service delivery description to include OhioRISE, which will provide behavioral health benefits through a new prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) managed care delivery system. Enrollment in the OhioRISE plan will be mandatory for individuals age 20 and under with a qualifying assessment or use of inpatient behavioral health services. Prior to this change, behavioral health benefits are being provided through the managed care organizations (MCO) or fee for service (FFS) for this population. The OhioRISE plan will be paid a per member per month amount. ODM will pay the OhioRISE plan rates that are actuarially sound, as determined by an outside actuary in accordance with 42 CFR 438.4 (October 1, 2020), 42 CFR 438.5 (October 1, 2020), and CMS's Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide.

Services in the OhioRISE program include behavioral health services as described in the Medicaid State Plan. Additionally, OhioRISE will include new services that will be added to the State Plan (Mobile Response and Stabilization Service (MRSS), Intensive home-based treatment (IHBT) service, and Intensive and Moderate Care Coordination).

The department assures compliance with 42 CFR 440.345 including full access to EPSDT services by requiring all Medicaid MCOs and the OhioRISE plan 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 <https://managedcare.medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/manac/managed-care/ohiorise/ohiorise>.

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attn.: **OhioRISE Policy**, 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: [OhioRISE@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioRISE@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be received by **October 16, 2021**.

\*If you would like to review the changes or written comments in person at the department, contact the department first to schedule an appointment, as office hours may be limited or revised from the usual schedule due to COVID-19.