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Next Generation Program to Launch July 1 with OhioRISE

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will begin to launch its Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid program beginning July 1, 2022, with the implementation of OhioRISE, a coordinated care program for children with complex behavioral health needs. Other Medicaid programs will be implemented in the following months on a staggered basis to keep the focus on the individual and honor member choice to allow for a smooth transition. This staggered start ensures continuity of care, limits confusion, and reduces complexities surrounding the anticipated end of the federal public health emergency (PHE) and provides the necessary time for provider testing and training.

The staggered implementation will occur in three stages:

- **Stage 1:** On July 1, 2022, **OhioRISE** will begin providing specialized services, which will help children and youth with behavioral health needs and help coordinate care for those who receive care across multiple systems.

- **Stage 2:** In October 2022, **Centralized Provider Credentialing** will begin through the Ohio Medicaid Enterprise System (OMES) Provider Network Management (PNM) module, which will reduce administrative burden on providers. Also, the **Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager (SPBM)** will begin providing pharmacy services across all managed care plans and members.
- **Stage 3:** During the last three months of 2022, ODM will finish implementing the Next Generation program with **all seven Next Generation managed care plans** beginning to provide healthcare coverage under the new program. ODM will also complete the OMES implementation including the **Fiscal Intermediary (FI)** which will simplify and streamline the provider process for submitting claims and prior authorizations.

Ohio Medicaid is committed to launching the Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid correctly. The staggered timeline assures no disruption to members' care or provider support. Eligible members will continue to receive the full complement of Medicaid benefits available today, and providers will continue serving the 3.34 million Ohioans covered by Medicaid, working with current managed care organizations using processes and procedures practiced today.

Please contact ODMNextGen@medicaid.ohio.gov with any questions.

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The CANS IT System is Live



ODM launched the [Ohio Children's Initiative Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths \(CANS\) Information Technology \(IT\) System](#) on May 2, 2022. The new [OhioRISE program](#) will use the Ohio Children's Initiative CANS tool to establish eligibility, and a wide variety of providers will also use the CANS to inform care planning and decision-making for children and adolescents with behavioral health needs. Certified Ohio Children's Initiative CANS assessors are expected to use the CANS IT System to gather all information about the child / youth and family story to describe their strengths and needs.



The CANS IT System supports:

- The documentation of CANS assessments and reassessments / updates with a youth/caregiver. Certified Ohio Children's Initiative CANS assessors will register and use the system to document these assessments in a single location.
 - Our cross-system goal of "one child, one CANS" and ensure that youth / caregivers do not need to retell their stories.
 - Improvements in care continuity and collaboration by making outputs/results accessible to assessors and care team members, promoting cross-system coordination in real time.
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- Immediate Decision Support Model outputs and recommendations.
- Recording of information about the child / youth and their caregiver(s) within one shared system.
- Tracking trends and outcomes to identify gaps and inform access and capacity improvement efforts.

Below are some steps you should take to access the new CANS IT System:

1. Obtain your Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS certification

You must have Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS certification to register in the CANS IT System and complete a CANS assessment with a child/youth. To become a certified Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS assessor, you must:

- Complete CANS training with the Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (COE), which is responsible for providing statewide professional development activities related to the Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS assessment tool. Assessors must complete the Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) and Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS Comprehensive training with the COE.
 - If you were already certified in a previous version of the CANS, you will need to complete the new version of the TCOM and Ohio Children's Initiative CANS training sessions.
 - May and June CANS training dates and additional information about the CANS training process are available on the [OhioRISE webpage](#). Additional CANS training dates will be announced each month.
 - **If you are having difficulty accessing or enrolling in a CANS training, please reach out to the COE at hxd256@case.edu for assistance.**
- Register on the [Praed Foundation’s website](#) to complete the CANS assessor certification exam and pass with a 70% or higher.
 - The COE will provide you with a coupon code to waive the cost of the exam after you have completed their training.
- [Click here to register to use the CANS IT System](#) after you have received your Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS certification. Please see the CANS IT System User Guide and/or recorded demo(s) for additional information about how to register (linked in step 3).
 - Please note, assessors must wait one (1) full day after passing the certification exam with Praed to register and begin conducting assessments in the CANS IT System. The CANS IT System receives this information from Praed to verify your exam was taken and passed.

2. Enroll as a Medicaid provider to bill for CANS assessments

You must be an enrolled Medicaid provider to bill for a CANS assessment, and your provider type must include the “ORC – CANS Assessor.” If you are a provider who is not currently enrolled in the Ohio Medicaid program and wish to enroll to provide any services under the Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid, including the CANS, please visit the following link to the Ohio Medicaid online application:

<https://portal.ohmits.com/Public/Providers/Enrollment/tabId/49/Default.aspx>. Additional resources for provider enrollment are available on the [Ohio Medicaid website](#).

To request that the "ORC – CANS Assessor" be added to your existing provider type, please email ODM at Medicaid_Provider_Update@medicaid.ohio.gov and include the provider NPI and Medicaid ID in the body of the email and attach the Praed Foundation certification in the Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS to fulfill the required documentation for this specialty addition. [Click here to access the OhioRISE Provider Specialties Guide for additional guidance](#).

If you are interested in contracting with Aetna Better Health of Ohio, the OhioRISE plan, and Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid’s managed care organizations to provide CANS assessor services, you must contact them directly using the provider relations contact information found on the Ohio Medicaid Managed Care website’s [Resources for Providers page](#).

Please note, Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS assessors are not required to enroll with Medicaid if they do not intend to bill Medicaid for the service. You may be a certified assessor and register in the CANS IT System without enrolling as a Medicaid provider.

3. Learn how to use the CANS IT System through training offered by ODM

The following recorded trainings are available to orient you to the new CANS IT System. The [Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS IT System User Guide](#) is also available to help you accurately complete CANS assessments within the CANS IT System.

Training Type	Link
Assessor Registration	Click here to access
Youth / Child Search Assessment Creation and Submission	Click here to access



Where can I direct my questions?

CANS training: Please contact the COE at hxd256@case.edu.

Medicaid provider enrollment: Please contact the Ohio Medicaid Provider Hotline at 1-800-686-1516.

OhioRISE program: Please contact the [OhioRISE mailbox](#) and visit the [OhioRISE webpage](#) for more information on OhioRISE.

Ohio Children’s Initiative CANS IT System: Please contact the [ODM ITS mailbox](#) and include “OhioRISE - CANS” in the subject line for faster routing.

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**OhioRISE 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Waiver Training:
You’re Invited!**



ODM invites you to attend the OhioRISE 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Waiver training to help you prepare for implementing this important program in July 2022. As a part of the OhioRISE program, ODM will utilize waivers that provide ODM with more flexibility when implementing Medicaid programs. We will utilize a Home- and Community-Based services (HCBS) 1915(c) waiver to help youth needing services and support to stay in their home and communities rather than in institutions.

This training is broken out into two segments with the first providing an overview of the waiver, eligibility, its services, care coordination, waiver slots, and much more. The second segment is for those interested in learning about provider types / provider qualifications, billing, coding, reimbursement, and other provider responsibilities.

We encourage youth and families, all local system and community partners, direct service providers, state agencies, managed care entities, and others interested in learning about the OhioRISE 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Waiver to attend this session. This may include staff of all levels within your organization.

We ask that you please help to distribute this invitation throughout your networks, especially to youth and families who may want to learn more about the waiver.

We will present this training live and we will announce the availability of the recording on the [OhioRISE webpage](#) approximately a week after the live session. We are also offering office hours – this is pre-scheduled time available for you to ask questions to OhioRISE subject matter experts.

Register now for the OhioRISE 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Waiver training!

OhioRISE 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Waiver Training and Office Hours		
Session Type	Date and Time	Links
Live Training	May 18 from 1-3:30 p.m.	Click here to register
Office Hours	June 6 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Click here to join

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Please view all past and upcoming OhioRISE trainings for community partners and providers on the [OhioRISE webpage](#) and direct any OhioRISE questions to the [OhioRISE mailbox](#).

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Information for DODD and ODA Providers

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) missions align closely with Medicaid priorities, allowing ODM to fund many of the services and supports you provide to Ohioans we serve. We continue to work together to simplify and streamline provider administrative responsibilities in anticipation of the launch of the next generation Ohio Medicaid program. All agencies are working together to provide further information to impacted stakeholders.

For providers certified by DODD, please visit www.DODD.Ohio.Gov for more information. Please contact DODD Waiver Providers at Provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov or DODD Licensure Development at Licensuredevelopmentapps@dodd.ohio.gov with any questions.

For providers certified by ODA, please visit www.aging.ohio.gov/certification-changes for more information. Please contact Provider_Enrollment@age.ohio.gov with any questions.

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