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Hello!

Welcome to the *ODM 2022 Press*, previously called the *ODM Managed Care Procurement Press*, a short periodic update on the progress of the Ohio Department of

Medicaid (ODM) strategic initiatives.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have requested to receive periodic updates about ODM's strategic initiatives, responded to one or both of our Requests for Information (RFIs), met with ODM Team members to provide feedback, or partnered with us in a listening session.

Thank you for taking time to provide your ideas and feedback! Through this time of uncertainty and need for many Ohioans, and into the future, we continue to focus on the individual rather than the business of managed care. We want to do better for the people we serve.



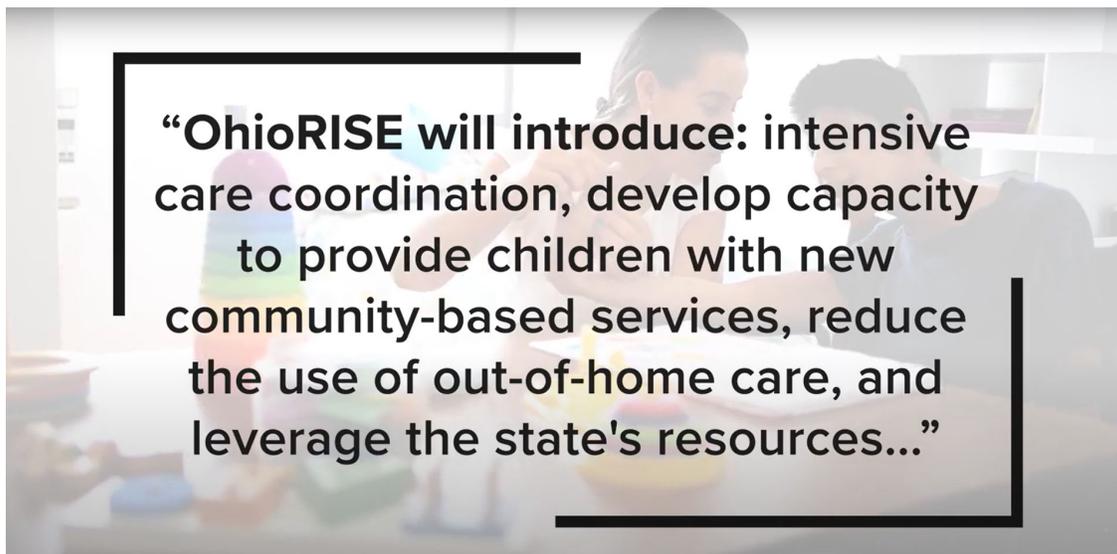
Feel free to distribute the information contained within this update to your colleagues, organization's members, or with anyone who you think might find it useful. We want all Ohioans to know what is going on with ODM's strategic initiatives.

Please also encourage anyone who you think might be interested in receiving similar updates to send us an email at MCProcurement@medicaid.ohio.gov.

Ohio Medicaid selected Aetna Better Health of Ohio as new OhioRISE Managed Care Organization

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) selected Aetna Better Health of Ohio to serve as the specialized managed care organization for the state's children with the most complex behavioral health needs under the new OhioRISE (Ohio Resilience

through Integrated Systems and Excellence) program. OhioRISE is a part of Governor DeWine's priority Children's Initiative. Click [here](#) to read the full press release.



Video - Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran Discussing the OhioRISE MCO Award Announcement

Aetna will work with ODM and Governor DeWine's Family and Children First Cabinet Council to implement a child and family-centric model featuring new targeted behavioral health services and intensive care coordination delivered by community partners. Aetna also will coordinate with the state's Medicaid managed care organizations and the new single pharmacy benefit manager to ensure medical and pharmaceutical services and supports are integrated in the child's comprehensive health plan.

The OhioRISE program addresses gaps in Ohio's health care system that currently result in 140 Ohio kids living out of state on any given day in order to access the behavioral health services they need. Today, too many families have no choice but to voluntarily relinquish custody of their children to local child welfare agencies to access needed behavioral health care for their children. The OhioRISE managed care plan will fill in these gaps by developing a network of care management entities and working with Ohio's behavioral health providers to offer new intensive, coordinated services

for children and families statewide.

Aetna earned the highest total evaluation score among four proposals received and brings more than 25 years of experience designing and developing similar programs for children and families across the county. In fact, within the first seven months of launching its Mountain Health Promise plan in West Virginia, Aetna reduced the number of children sent out-of-state by 9.6%, decreased the rate of in-state group home placements by 7.4% and lowered the number of children residing in shelters by 14.5%. Today, more than 225,000 children in 13 states receive high-intensity behavioral health programming and wraparound care coordination through Aetna.

Aetna also has nearly 7 years' experience in Ohio managing similarly complex programs as one of the state's managed care organizations for MyCare Ohio - the Medicaid/Medicare dual eligibility program. A 2019 national study of Aetna's MyCare Ohio model found several instances in which health outcomes improved for Ohioans supported by Aetna. Aetna was cited for its ability to lower inpatient hospital admissions, reduce the probability of care sensitive admissions, decrease skilled nursing admissions, diminish the probability of long stay admissions, and lower physician management.

Visit the [OhioRISE page](#) on managedcare.medicaid.ohio.gov to learn more about the new OhioRISE program.

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