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## Hello!

Welcome to the *ODM Managed Care Procurement Press*, a short periodic update on the progress of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) Managed Care Procurement.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have requested to receive periodic updates about the Managed Care Procurement, responded to one or both of our Requests for Information (RFIs), met with ODM and Procurement 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 the ODM Managed Care Procurement.

Please also encourage anyone who you think might be interested in receiving similar updates to send us an email at the Medicaid managed care procurement mailbox, [MCPurchasement@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:MCPurchasement@medicaid.ohio.gov).

## **OhioRISE: Improving Care for Youth with Complex Behavioral Health & Multi-System Needs**

Children and youth in Ohio with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs face multiple challenges and have unique care and support needs. Studies show that intensive community-based care coordination that is driven by kids and their families and access to intensive in-home and community services can have a significant impact on inpatient and emergency department use, use of residential treatment care, moves between homes, and other barriers to their ability to thrive. Ohio needs a different service array to stabilize these children in their families.

With these needs in mind, ODM, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Children's Initiatives and the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, are creating the OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) program, which uses a specialized managed care plan to better serve this unique population's needs.

As a next step in the process of launching OhioRISE, on October 28, 2020, ODM released a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit responses from managed care organizations (MCOs) interested in serving as the OhioRISE specialized managed care plan. Additional details and the RFA can be found on the [Request for Proposals page](https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/Request-for-Proposals) of [medicaid.ohio.gov](https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov).

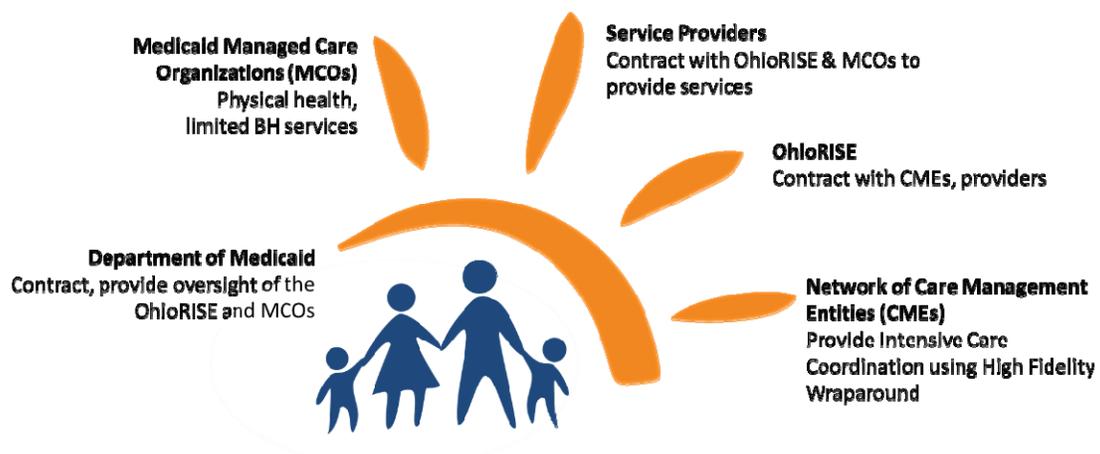
### ***The Goals of OhioRISE***

OhioRISE seeks to create a seamless delivery system for children, families, and system partners, and drive toward improving cross-system outcomes, improving the availability of in-home and community-based services, reducing the use of out-of-home care, and leveraging the state's resources across all agencies to support this unique population of kids. The OhioRISE plan will be responsible for assisting the state with developing service capacity and improving cross-system outcomes.

### ***The OhioRISE Program Model***

OhioRISE's governance will be shared by Ohio Medicaid and Governor DeWine's Family and Children First Cabinet Council, though ODM will hold the program contract. The Governor's Office of Children's Initiatives, Ohio Family and Children First, and the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Job and Family Services, Developmental Disabilities, Youth Services, Rehabilitation and Corrections, Education, and Health have been deeply involved in developing OhioRISE.

The OhioRISE model will promote individual child and family-focused coordination and services, by which the families, children, providers, and state and local agencies will be partners in achieving an integrated experience across systems that often feel siloed to Ohio families. This delivery model is summarized in the graphic below.



*OhioRISE Delivery System*

**Children and youth will be eligible to enroll in the OhioRISE plan if they meet all of the following criteria:**

- Enrolled in OhioMedicaid (managed care or fee for service)
- Age 0-20

- Demonstrate a need for significant behavioral health services; in nearly all cases this will be measured by a uniform Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) functional assessment tool.

**OhioRISE will feature enhanced care coordination and behavioral health services and will offer a new Medicaid waiver program** that will help families prevent custody relinquishment. New and enhanced services available through OhioRISE will include:

- *Intensive Care Coordination*: Two levels of this service (intensive and moderate) will be consistent with principles of High-Fidelity Wraparound and be delivered by a Care Management Entity-qualified agency.
- *Intensive Home-Based Treatment (IHBT)*: OhioRISE will make changes to existing IHBT services and align with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).
- *Mobile Response and Stabilization Service (MRSS)*: Provide youth in crisis and their families with immediate behavioral health services to ensure they are safe and receive necessary supports and services.
- *Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)*: This service is aimed at keeping youth with intensive hospital-level behavioral health needs in-state and closer to their families and support systems.

The new MRSS service will be available to all kids in the Medicaid program. Children and youth who are not enrolled in OhioRISE will continue to access behavioral health services through their Ohio Medicaid managed care plan or fee for service program. The Ohio Medicaid MCOs will also be responsible for assuring access to the CANS assessment to determine when a child needs the enhanced services of the OhioRISE plan.

### ***Launching the OhioRISE Program***

In the coming months, ODM will begin a robust stakeholder engagement process to design the OhioRISE services and implement the new program. Visit the [OhioRISE page](#)

on [managedcare.medicaid.ohio.gov](https://managedcare.medicaid.ohio.gov) for updates on this process and additional information about the program.

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## The OhioRISE RFA is Now Open

Our new video, "[The OhioRISE RFA is Now Open!](#)" highlights how Ohio Medicaid is improving care for its most vulnerable members.



*Video - The OhioRISE RFA is Now Open!*

To learn more about OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence), check out the [OhioRISE webpage](#) and the recent [recording of the public webinar](#) on our website.

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## Current Phase of the Managed Care Procurement

We announced in our last newsletter the release of the Managed Care Procurement Request for Applications (RFA). This RFA remains open and we encourage all eligible

managed care organizations (MCOs) to apply.

For the RFA and additional details about ODM's Managed Care Procurement process can be found on the [Request for Proposal page of ODM's website](#). As a reminder, the Q&A period for the Managed Care Procurement RFA closes on October 29, 2020 and responses are due November 20, 2020.

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## ODM Managed Care Procurement Resources

Our video, "[ODM Managed Care Procurement Resources](#)," describes the channels of communication ODM uses to share procurement-related information with its stakeholders.



*Video - ODM Managed Care Procurement Resources*

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