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The *ODM 2022 Press* is a periodic email update on the progress of the ODM strategic initiatives for providers, associations, and advocacy organizations.

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Important Updates on Next Generation Ohio Medicaid Launch

Over the past year, Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has prepared for and successfully launched many components of the Next Generation Ohio Medicaid program. Our implementation has consistently followed two of our key Next Generation commitments – to **focus on the individual and improve the provider experience**. To meet these commitments, on July 1, ODM implemented OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) and on October 1, we implemented the Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager (SPBM) and Centralized Credentialing for providers. The feedback has been clear about the significant benefits members and providers have experienced because of these new program changes.

Our focus has been and continues to be on implementing new components and improvements as they are fully ready to support achieving our mission. ODM remains committed to listening to members, providers, and managed care plan partners, and we have taken a hands-on approach to resolving implementation issues that have been experienced by providers. Leading up to our next implementation, we have been actively seeking input from stakeholders and conducting testing of all systems.

What is changing?



Based on the feedback we have received and our commitment to carefully transitioning, we will not implement the new Next Generation managed care plans and the full Ohio Medicaid Enterprise System (OMES) launch on December 1. The new lineup for implementation is as follows:

- On February 1, 2023, ODM will launch the **Next Generation managed care plans** and program requirements, including exciting improvements that will support members in accessing the healthcare services and supports they need. ODM will also implement the **new Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)**, increasing transparency and visibility of member care and services.
- Subsequently, ODM will fully launch OMES modules to provide streamlined processes for claims, prior authorizations, and other administrative tasks for providers.

What does this mean for providers?



Providers should continue conducting business as they do today on and after December 1 – including the processes, procedures, and systems used today to submit claims and prior authorizations and to complete other administrative functions.

What does this mean for members?



There will be no disruption in services for members. The timeline during which a member's Next Generation managed care plan will be effective varies based on which plan they selected.

- **Managed care members that have not made an active plan selection** will continue receiving healthcare coverage through their current managed care plan.
- **Paramount Advantage members** will continue receiving healthcare coverage through Paramount Advantage until February 1. At that time Anthem will be their Next Generation managed care plan, unless they selected a different plan.
- **Managed care members that selected a new Next Generation managed care plan** will begin receiving services from that plan February 1.
- **Managed care members that selected a different continuing plan**, such as CareSource Ohio, Inc., Buckeye Health Plan, Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc., or United Healthcare Community Plan of Ohio, Inc., from their current plan will begin receiving services from that plan on December 1.
- **Individuals who are newly eligible for managed care, those who are currently in Medicaid fee-for-service** but not enrolled with a managed care plan, and those with a gap in eligibility of 91+ days will receive care paid for through Medicaid fee-for-service until February 1, 2023 when they are transitioned to an Ohio Medicaid Next Generation plan.

What's next?



ODM will provide more information about the upcoming implementation for members and providers in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please reach out to [the Next Generation mailbox](#) with questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Next Generation Ohio Medicaid program!

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OhioRISE Featured on Healthcare Innovation Podcast



Last month, Dr. M. Christine Stock, Managing Director of Medical Affairs at Health2047, hosted a podcast episode with ODM's Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives Marisa Weisel and Aetna's

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Sala Webb. In the 30-minute episode, the group engages in meaningful discussion about OhioRISE and its impacts on behavioral healthcare throughout Ohio, answering questions like:

- What is OhioRISE and what role does the program have in the Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid?
- What is the relationship between Ohio Medicaid and Aetna Better Health of Ohio?
- What problems is the program trying to solve in Ohio?
- How have child-serving systems and agencies in Ohio collaborated and partnered to stand up OhioRISE?
- What has the program accomplished in its first 100 days?

Here's a snippet:

“For a number of years, we’ve known that the mental health needs of our kids are unmet because of a variety of challenges in accessing care, not having the right mix of services, sometimes not having the right workforce in place, or not having the correct reimbursement framework. This often results in kids moving further down the stream of needing a higher intensity of services – so they end up in our inpatient rooms, they end up in the emergency room, they end up having longer lengths of stay in a congregate residential treatment setting. This isn’t the kind of care we want for our kids. We want to be able to meet them in their homes, in their communities, and in their educational settings, so that we can intervene earlier, get them what they need, and then send them on to a happy and healthy adulthood to help them live the best life that they possibly can.”

-Marisa Weisel



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