



To: Ohio Medicaid Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Behavioral Health Care Coordination (BHCC) – Delayed Implementation

Ohio Medicaid's Behavioral Health Care Coordination (BHCC) program will not begin on July 1, 2019. Due to the delay in implementation, managed care plans (MCPs) are no longer required to execute contracts with qualified behavioral health entities (QBHEs) within 90 days of notification. All contracting efforts can cease until further notice.

ODM and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) continue to move forward with care coordination for individuals with behavioral health conditions in an expedient way. The strategy and program design are being revisited within the context of Governor DeWine's priorities, the RecoveryOhio initiative, and the ongoing work on Behavioral Health Redesign.

A MITS Bits was released and has been posted at:

https://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Providers/MITS%20Bits/2019/BH-MITS-Bits_3-18-2019_Behavioral_Health_Care_Coordination.pdf

MCPs will continue to be involved in the development of the BHCC program. Information will be shared as it becomes available.