

Ohio Medicaid to Launch Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Children

The State of Ohio's ongoing effort to modernize its Medicaid program is set to take a major step forward with the introduction of a new, simplified avenue for pregnant women and children to receive health coverage. By way of a State Plan Amendment (SPA), Ohio is implementing a presumptive eligibility program that will allow for easier access to care while also streamlining the Medicaid and CHIP enrollment process for some of the state's most vulnerable individuals.

We Need Your Help

Ohio Medicaid is requesting that you share this news with your association's members so that we may effectively provide more low-income and underinsured Ohioans with immediate access to the health coverage they need.

Communicating this coverage opportunity to Ohioans is crucial. To help ensure a smooth launch, several Ohio Medicaid staff members will manage presumptive eligibility determinations as they arise.

In the upcoming weeks, you will receive more updates from Ohio Medicaid regarding presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and children.

As a way to provide the most pertinent information about the launch of this program, we ask that associations inform their providers of updates and direct questions to our staff.

Preparing for What's Ahead

Provider training is essential in determining eligibility for presumptively eligible consumers. Proper training will ensure the effective follow through of full Medicaid application processing and that all consumer information is successfully entered into the MITS portal. Qualified entities will be required to sign acknowledgement forms that will specify the responsibilities and obligations associated with being authorized to make presumptive eligibility determinations.

Statewide training for providers' MITS portal administrators will be required and administered by state staff. Ohio Medicaid anticipates starting training the end of August 2013. The department will issue a notification in the near future which sets a timetable for training and also establishes procedures for signing up to become a qualified entity.



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