

Provider Complaint Form Guidance

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) maintains a managed care organization (MCO) complaint form. This can be used by any provider who has first attempted to work directly with the plan but has been unsuccessful in getting an appropriate response. Before submitting a complaint, providers should check the plan's Claims Payment Systemic Errors (CPSE) report for the issue in question.

MCO's receive these complaints directly, in real time, and have **15 business days to respond to the provider with a resolution**. Providers are encouraged to utilize the appeals, grievance, or arbitration processes as outlined in their individual contract with the plan. ODM staff review complaints to verify whether the plan has contacted the provider and given an answer to their question(s). ODM staff cannot arbitrate between the plan and providers.

Please note: ODM does not follow-up with all providers on complaints submitted. ODM reviews all complaints and tracks trends.

Submission Tips:

Providers may add supporting documentation directly onto the provider complaint form.

If multiple individuals are affected by a single issue with a plan, the provider is to submit only one complaint for all individuals, however, up to 5 attachments may be uploaded on a single complaint.

NEW If the provider submits multiple complaints for the same issue (different individuals, dates of service, practitioners, or files affected), ODM will cancel all duplicate complaints, contact the provider, and request that a single new complaint be submitted for all files affected.

NEW If a group provider is submitting a complaint, the "Filing Party Name" on the complaint should list the group's name and not the individual practitioner.

NEW Proper contact information for the person listed in the "Follow-up Name" field must be entered. The plans may attempt to contact the provider via telephone conversation, voicemail left, or email sent. If the plan is continuously unable to reach the listed contact, ODM may close the complaint without direct provider contact.

Adding the most recent call reference number from the plan to your complaint may help reduce the time needed to address the issue. The provider will receive an email that includes the complaint's tracking number (C#####). Providers should keep this number in their records for future reference.

The plans may require additional time to research and/or resolve a specific issue; they may request an extension to the due date and have been directed to contact the provider to advise of the delay. In the event there is a reoccurrence of a previously resolved complaint, providers should submit a new complaint, mark the question "Is this complaint related to any previously submitted complaints?" on the complaint form as yes, and enter the previous complaint's number.

The MCO complaint form is located [here](#)