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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Electronic Signatures on Ohio Medicaid Forms

Summary

In the past, Ohio Medicaid may have required all signatures on its forms to be handwritten. Such a "wet signature" restriction was likely imposed as a program integrity measure to discourage the use of rubber stamps.

Today, technology has made it possible to sign documents in many different ways, and more ways may yet be developed. It is the intent of the Ohio Department of Medicaid to accept any mark, handwritten or electronic, that is legally recognized as a signature.

Therefore, no Medicaid form should be rejected solely because it lacks a "wet" signature.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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