

# COVID-19 Response

## Section 1135 SPA and Waiver

### Waiver items approved

- **Temporarily suspend Medicaid fee-for-service prior authorization requirements.**
- **Provider Enrollment requirements temporarily suspended**
  - » application fees
  - » site visits
  - » instate licensure
- **Provision of Services in Alternative Settings** allowing facilities, including NFs, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ICF/IDDs), psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs), and hospital NFs, to be fully reimbursed for services rendered to an unlicensed facility
- **HCBS Settings Requirements Allowing Alternate Settings**

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### SPA items pending

- Hospital PE for ABD covered groups including institutional
- ODM designated as a Qualified Entity for conducting PE
- Suspending copayments and premiums
- Adding HCIC as a NF benefit
- Suspending face to face requirements generally
- Increase bed hold days to 60
- Suspend limits on Home health and PDN
- NF ventilator weaning staff requirements relaxed (
  - » respiratory care professional or respiratory therapist in lieu of RN)

# Appendices K

## Items approved

- Increasing service limits
- Adding service settings ADS/Voc Rehab
- Family member as provider of care
- Faster provider enrollment/providers across waivers/waive background checks
- ADS/Voc Rehab providers can do HPC and respite
- Alternative service site delivery authority
- Waive face to face for LOC
- Service authorization and service planning over phone

# Managed Care Pandemic Assistance

## General Assistance

- Full provider reimbursements for waived member cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing and treatment
- Expanded telehealth services
- Accelerated claims payments to providers
- Reduced PA requirements
- Donations to community providers for purchase of PPE
- Streamlined provider credentialing

## Community and Provider Assistance

- Offering up to three months paid leave for health plan clinical staff to join medical reserve force
- Accelerating and increasing donations to frontline nonprofit organizations
- Providing members access to free delivery of grocery and everyday essentials
- Donations of personal care items
- Providing meals to Ohioans, including to high risk pregnancy members and senior citizens
- Allowing for early prescription refills and delivery
- Working to assist members of Ohio's homeless population

# Enhanced FMAP

## Revenue:

- 6.2% Boost to FMAP (currently\*)
- Ohio receives approximately \$300 million per quarter
- CARES Act Maintenance of Effort (MOE)—only three reasons permitted for disenrollment:
  - Deceased
  - Moves out of state
  - Requests to be disenrolled
- Effective 1/1/2020; in place during the crisis

## Uses:

- Spending increases related to caseload
- Lower than projected state revenue

## Other Federal Funding

- CARES Act Provider Fund:
- \$100 billion in initial act
- \$75 billion additional in later bill
- Money is being disbursed by the federal government
- State Medicaid programs are not a vehicle for this funding

# Relief Funding for Ohio

CARES Act Provider Relief Fund: \$175 billion to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response:

- **\$50 billion general distribution** to Medicare facilities and providers based on providers' net patient revenue
  - \$30 billion distributed April 10- 17. Ohio distribution: 10,166 providers, \$989,773,417
  - \$20 billion being sent out to same providers beginning April 24—Ohio distribution TBD
- **\$50 billion targeted allocation** to providers in hot spots, rural providers, others who serve low-income and uninsured populations
  - **\$12 billion COVID-19 High-Impact Allocation** - hospitals serving in areas where COVID-19 has been particularly severe
    - \$56M to 4 Ohio hospitals in Ohio
  - **\$10 Billion Rural Allocation:** Rural Acute Care General Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Community Health Centers located in rural areas.
    - \$368,963,066 to 216 providers in Ohio
  - **Remaining \$28 billion:** additional providers, including Medicaid providers. Reimbursement at Medicare rates for COVID-related treatment of the uninsured—other TBD
- **\$75 billion** - Congress recently added \$75 billion in additional funding to support our critical healthcare system—allocation TBD