Notice Date: **December 15, 2021**
To: **Ohio Medicaid & MyCare Providers**
From: **CareSource**
Subject: **ABA Contracting & Credentialing Requirements**

Background

On March 31, 2021, CareSource issued a [network notification](#) to Ohio providers explaining the need for participating providers to have an active Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) ID number and the consequences for claims payment without the active ID number.

On July 15, 2021, CareSource issued another [network notification](#) to Ohio providers indicating that, with limited exceptions, non-participating providers will receive 60% of the reimbursement rate for the appropriate fee schedule effective Aug. 15, 2021.

On November, 19, 2021, CareSource issued a [network notification](#) indicating that Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services were temporarily being removed from these expectations.

Summary

This network notification serves as an update to these prior communications regarding contracting and credentialing requirements for ABA group and rendering providers.

Effective April 18, 2022, ABA group and rendering providers will be required to have an active ODM Medicaid ID number to become a participating provider with CareSource, and in order to avoid claim denials, rate reductions and/or the use of single case agreements (SCAs).

Additional information about CareSource's expectations for qualifications of ABA-rendering providers can be found in the [CareSource Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder Medical Policy.](#)

Impact

Per ODM guidance and CareSource expectations, group and rendering providers who are part of the CareSource network do not require single case agreements (SCAs) for ABA services and are not subject to non-participating provider rate reductions.

Next Steps

Obtaining a Medicaid ID Number
In order to comply with new federal rules (42 CFR 438.602), ODM has indicated that ABA rendering providers can obtain an ODM Medicaid ID number as a Provider Type 19 – Managed Care Organization Panel Provider Only. To contact ODM directly, please call 1-800-686-1516.

- If you do not have an ODM Medicaid ID number or if you have an inactive ODM Medicaid ID number, please go to ODM's website by following these steps:
  1. Go to the MITS Portal.
  2. Select "Enroll as a new provider".
  3. Select the "I need to enroll as a provider to bill Ohio Medicaid option.
  4. Follow the system prompts and provide the requested information.
  5. When you have completed all steps, please submit your application.

- If you received a newly updated ODM Medicaid ID number, please notify CareSource about the change. To do so, please follow the steps below:
  1. Go to www.caresource.com.
  2. Log in to the provider portal.
  3. Complete the Provider Maintenance Form and note the document of reason for the request (i.e. sharing updated Medicaid number).

Contracting with CareSource
To start the contracting and credentialing process with CareSource, please follow the steps below:

1. Go to the Become a Participating Provider page on the CareSource website for the appropriate product.
2. Click the "Join Our Network" button.
3. Follow the link and complete the "New Health Partner Contract Form".

Questions?
If you have additional general questions about getting contracted, please call CareSource's Provider Services at **1-800-488-0134.**

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