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OIES TRAINING

The Ohio Department of Medicaid recently received federal confirmation that expenditures related to training of staff on the Ohio Integrated Eligibility System (OIES) are eligible for the enhanced match rate. Previously, counties had been advised that trainings costs were limited to those incurred prior to implementation. BCFTA has revised the definition for RMS activity code **208** as follows:

Activities related to the implementation and operation of the new Integrated eligibility System. Includes testing and training activities of eligibility workers directly engaged in the operation of the new Integrated Eligibility system. Also includes on-going case maintenance activities, such as intake activities related to renewals; and receipt of data related to the ongoing-eligibility and maintenance of a beneficiary's eligibility, such as annual renewals, address changes, income changes, household composition changes, etc.

Does not include activities of eligibility workers working exclusively with CRIS-E. For these activities workers should use activity code 200.

OAC 5101-9-6-05.1 Medicaid Enhanced Eligibility Allocation is in the process of being revised to allow for training throughout the entire period of availability. A draft of the revised rule is attached.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING

Please note that staff time spent on any Medicaid activity in the OIES system is eligible for enhanced (75%) FFP, this includes initial eligibility, redeterminations and ongoing case maintenance (not applicable to case management activities completed outside of the system). Medicaid has provided 7.2 million for SFY14 and 7.2 million for SFY15 to assist counties in meeting the 25% match requirements during the initial years of eligibility and the transition from CrisE to OIES. Please review OAC 5101:9-6-05.1 for additional details.

Counties are reminded that they will be able to move any ceiling excess from the Enhanced Medicaid Match (25%) to either their Medicaid Income Maintenance Allocation or Child, Family, and Adult Community and Protective Services Allocation through a post-allocated adjustment. Movement of this match funding ensures a 75% match for work completed within the OIES system even if they have spent the 7.2 M Enhanced Medicaid Match.

Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any questions.

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5101:9-6-05.1 Medicaid enhanced eligibility allocation.

(A) On behalf of the department of medicaid, the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) issues the medicaid enhanced eligibility allocation to the county department of job and family services (CDJFS). This funding is provided to meet matching fund requirements for costs related to the implementation and operation of the integrated eligibility (IE) system.

(B) The funding for the medicaid enhanced eligibility allocation consists of one hundred per cent state funds, and is in addition to the county mandated share required by section 5101.16 of the Revised Code and detailed in rule 5101:9-6-31 of the Administrative Code.

Federal medicaid enhanced eligibility funding is passed through to the CDJFS at the federal financial participation (FFP) rate of seventy-five per cent.

(C) ODJFS will communicate the funding and liquidation periods for this allocation through the county finance information system (CFIS). The CDJFS must expend funds by the end of the funding period and disburse and report expenditures no later than the end of the liquidation period.

(D) ODJFS uses the same methodology to distribute available medicaid enhanced eligibility funds as for the income maintenance allocations outlined in rule 5101:9-6-05 of the Administrative Code.

(E) The CDJFS may code the following expenditures against this funding:

(1) Eligibility determination activities including:

(a) Initial determination and redetermination of medicaid eligibility;

(b) Manual conversion of cases into the IE system and desk review of cases in preparation for conversion in the IE system; and

(c) Consumer inquiries and assistance with the dual application process (CRISe and the IE system); and

(d) Ongoing case maintenance activities (including receipt of data related to the ongoing eligibility and maintenance of eligibility, address changes, income changes, household composition changes, etc) to support IE system cases including intake activities related to renewals; but

(e) The CDJFS may not use this allocation when the work is exclusively in the CRISe system.

(2) Operational readiness training and testing activities associated with the training of eligibility workers directly engaged in the operation of the IE system ~~during the three months prior to the implementation date~~. Activities include:

(a) Policy training on new modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) rules;

(b) System training and testing on the (IE) system; and

(c) Business process training on eligibility determination and case maintenance in both CRISe and the (IE) system.

(d) The CDJFS may claim training and testing activities ~~outside of the three month window~~ at a fifty-seventy-five per cent federal participation rate for the entire period of availability.

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- (F) The CDJFS shall direct charge contracts and purchased services, including ~~initial~~ travel and training costs, costs related to the implementation and operation of the integrated eligibility system to this allocation. The CDJFS shall capture administrative costs through the random moment sample (RMS) process as detailed in rule 5101:9-7-20 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) Allocation redistribution is pursuant to rule 5101:9-6-02 of the Administrative Code. CDJFS may move eligible expenditures in excess of this allocation to the county's income maintenance (IM) allocation by performing a coding adjustment. Twenty-five per cent will be charged to the county's IM allocation and seventy-five per cent will be charged to the federal medicaid pass-through funding. If a county exceeds the IM allocation, the CDJFS shall provide matching funds in order to qualify for federal pass-through funding.
- (H) The CDJFS shall report expenditures as described in rule 5101:9-7-29 of the Administrative Code.
- (I) The definitions, requirements, and responsibilities contained in rule 5101:9-6-50 of the Administrative Code are applicable to this rule.