OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
Families and Children Letter FCL #031

To: Directors, Public Children Services Agencies
Administrators, Title IV-E Courts

From: Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director
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Subject: QRTP CANS Assessments and OhioRISE

Background
As outlined in Families and Children Letter (FCL) #026B, Launching OhioRISE and the Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid Managed Care, the Ohio Department of Medicaid is rolling out OhioRISE on July 1, 2022. Additional information about other aspects of OhioRISE can also be found in FCL #026B.

OhioRISE and QRTP CANS Assessments
OhioRISE eligibility will be determined through the completion of an Ohio Children’s Initiative Brief CANS assessment submitted through the CANS IT system. Once a youth is enrolled in OhioRISE, Aetna and their contracted Care Management Entities (CMEs) will be responsible for completing a comprehensive CANS assessment for the youth within thirty (30) days of referral to OhioRISE care coordination per the OhioRISE rules. For youth in custody not yet enrolled in OhioRISE, all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO), Aetna, CMEs, and other certified CANS assessors can assist in scheduling and administering CANS assessments.

CANS assessments that are completed for OhioRISE eligibility or ongoing care coordination may be used by the Title IV-E agency for QRTP purposes if the CANS assessment is completed within the timeframes and documentation outlined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5101:2-47-21 and 2-42-12. Title IV-E agencies may also utilize CANS assessments completed by CMEs for the required documentation of ongoing need for placement in a QRTP as required by OAC 5101:2-38-05.1.

CANS assessments completed strictly for the purposes of OhioRISE eligibility or ongoing care coordination by CMEs will not impact Title IV-E agency placements or Title IV-E reimbursements at this time. There is no ongoing requirement for updated CANS assessments.
for QRTP purposes. Ongoing need for placement in a QRTP must be documented as required by OAC 5101:2-38-05.1.

If a Title IV-E agency chooses to utilize a CANS assessment completed by a CME for OhioRISE purposes to meet one of the QRTP requirements, the determination of that assessment will impact Title IV-E agency placements and Title IV-E reimbursement. Youth placed on or before September 30, 2021, do not need to meet the QRTP requirements unless they are moved to a new placement.

As we continue to expand Ohio’s system of care, we remain committed to ongoing planning for how to best align the CANS for QRTP purposes and OhioRISE eligibility/care coordination.

**CANS Assessment Billing**

CANS assessments completed by a Medicaid provider can be billed to Medicaid according to the CANS billing guidance published by ODM. CANS assessments conducted on dates of service prior to 7/1/2022 can be billed using the interim billing guidance can be found [here](#). CANS rendered on or after 7/1/2022 must be billed by enrolled Medicaid providers holding the CANS provider specialty using the new stand-alone CANS HCPCS code. More information about billing the CANS on or after 7/1/2022 can be found in the OhioRISE Enrollment and Billing Guidance.

CANS assessments completed by Qualified Individuals that are not Medicaid providers are considered an allowable Title IV-E administrative cost. The Office of Families and Children is finalizing new RMS and project code definitions for this activity. Until the new codes are available, agencies may use RMS Code 769 if completed by a Title IV-E agency employee or project code JFSFP800 if completed by a contracted entity.

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