

# The Ohio Department of Medicaid Introduces Centralized Credentialing

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is establishing a centralized credentialing program that will launch in early 2021. For Medicaid providers, this will significantly reduce the administrative burden of the current process where they must credential separately for each managed care organization (MCO) in order to be a contracted network provider. Once ODM launches the centralized credentialing initiative, all providers will come through ODM for credentialing and will not be engaging in separate processes with each MCO.

One of the key components of ODM's centralized credentialing initiative is establishing the Ohio Medicaid Credentialing Committee. The committee is a body of peer providers who are uniquely qualified to evaluate individuals seeking to serve Medicaid consumers. It will be made of a diverse representation of Ohio's health care practitioners. This committee and its members will be instrumental in ensuring that the highest quality of care is available for Ohioans served by Medicaid.

We are requesting your assistance and partnership in establishing this committee. ODM seeks qualified health professionals to serve on the Ohio Medicaid Centralized Credentialing Committee.

## We need your help!

**ODM seeks your assistance in identifying individual health care providers to serve on ODM's Credentialing Committee. Specifically, our needs include the following:**

- General surgeon
- Psychiatrist
- Substance use disorder practitioner
- Pain management physician
- Physician assistant
- Other specialties as applicable



## **What does “serve” on ODM’s Credentialing Committee mean?**

- Participate in 90-minute bi-monthly collaborative credentialing committee meetings to consider the history and training of providers and facilities that wish to be credentialed/recredentialed with Medicaid.
- Present information on behalf of practitioners of a same/similar specialty.
- Review and approve delegated audits/contracts as well as audits from our credentials verification organization (CVO).
- Review and approve policy documents related to the credentialing program.
- Assure the credentialing program is following federal, state, and National Committee for Quality Assurance standards.
- Participate in ODM’s committee kick-off, up to two 90-minute training sessions, and “go live” preparatory teleconferences in December, January, and February.

## **Requirements to be on the committee:**

- Current and valid Ohio license.
- Peer provider of the credentialed type; a provider currently able to practice independently under state law.
- Currently practicing in a community-based setting.
- No prior licensure/clinical privilege actions.
- Minimum 5 years practicing in Ohio.
- For physicians, board certification in appropriate specialty.

## **To be considered for the Credentialing Committee please submit:**

- Current CV, showing all hospital appointments/group affiliations.
- Summary of training/board certifications.
- Current Ohio license.
- Demographic information about your practice – age of patients seen, geographic location, specific groups treated, cultural competencies (i.e. LGBT, special populations, etc.).