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**TO:** Behavioral Health System Transitions Work Group Members  
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**RE:** Behavioral Health (BH) System Transitions Subcommittee Updates

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We would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the current status of each of the BH System Transitions Work Group Subcommittees. We also want to acknowledge and thank everyone who has volunteered to participate in the various subcommittees and have helped support the projects that are under the umbrella of the Behavioral Health Transitions scope of work. As you are aware, the state is nearing finalizing the 2010/2011 biennial budget which has, at times, required state staff to refocus efforts that would otherwise be devoted to the work described below. Please know that the departments view the work of the Transitions Work Group and the Subcommittees as critical to the future of our behavioral health system and remain steadfast in our commitment to completing this project.

Behavioral Health Utilization Review Quality Council: The first meeting of the Quality Council is currently being scheduled and is targeted to convene before the end of July 2009.

Provider Sub-recipient/Vendor Status under Medicaid: A memo was sent on June 2, 2009 from ODADAS and ODMH to Boards and Providers clarifying this change. It has been determined that a subcommittee is not necessary as further work related to this issue is not needed at this time. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on this subcommittee and, if one is convened in the future, your participation at that time would be appreciated.

Provider Financial Reporting Responsibilities: ODADAS and ODMH staff are preparing an updated draft of the departments audit guidelines which will be sent to subcommittee members for review and a subcommittee meeting will be scheduled after the draft has been completed and disseminated. That will give the subcommittee members an opportunity to review them prior to the meeting and prepare any feedback and/or discussion for the meeting. We anticipate the workgroup to be able to have their initial meeting sometime in mid-August.

Mediation/non-Medicaid Procurement: This is an existing workgroup that was established under the MOU Steering Committee structure. The departments are completing the process of filing respective mediation rules as a result of the work completed by this subcommittee. Additional recommendations developed under the MOU Steering Committee are still being considered by the Transitions Workgroup. A target date for the first meeting has not been determined at this time.

Medicaid Fee Schedule Implementation: ODADAS, ODJFS and ODMH continue to work with CMS on the authorizing state plan amendment necessary to implement this payment methodology. Progress updates will be provided at each meeting of the BH System Transitions Work Group and no additional workgroup will be formed at this time.

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Board Level Medicaid Administrative Claiming: This group has met twice and is planning to meet again during the week of July 13, 2009. This group consists of representatives who participated in the initial development of the Medicaid administrative claiming program proposal for the local ADAMH/ADAS/CMH boards. Updates will be provided at each meeting of the BH System Transitions Work Group.

Defining Priority Populations, Amount, Scope and Duration, Core Services and Benefit Packages: The first meeting of this group will be scheduled soon, targeting the end of July 2009.

MITS & MACSIS/Emerging Health Care Policy and IT Initiatives: The BH System Transitions Work Group decided during their last meeting that these two groups will not meet regularly at this point. Instead, the BH System Transitions Work Group will monitor the current environment and assign work on an as-needed basis. The transition to the ASC X12 5010 file format is an example of work that will necessitate bringing these subcommittees together.

Again, we appreciate everyone's willingness to participate on these subcommittees. If you have any questions or comments regarding the subcommittee information, please contact Angie Bergefurd (ODMH) at [bergefurda@mh.state.oh.us](mailto:bergefurda@mh.state.oh.us) or Douglas Day (ODADAS) at [day@ada.ohio.gov](mailto:day@ada.ohio.gov). If you have any questions related to the scheduling of the subcommittees or would like meeting minutes or other background materials, please contact Heather King (ODMH) at [kingh@mh.state.oh.us](mailto:kingh@mh.state.oh.us). Thank you.