



## Department of Children and Youth Memo 25-040

**TO:** Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) and Title IV-E Courts

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**SUBJECT:** New Medicaid Interface with Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)

### **Background:**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is retiring the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS). Currently, Ohio SACWIS interfaces directly with MITS to send Medicaid Eligibility determinations for children in the custody/care and placement of a Title IV-E Agency and children receiving or participating in any of the following programs:

- Adoption Subsidy
- Federal Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP) Assistance
- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)
- Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA)

DCY is implementing a new interface with Ohio Benefits (OB) where Medicaid eligibility will be determined by OB. By moving the Medicaid eligibility determinations from Ohio SACWIS, DCY is able to resolve issues with:

- Duplicate spans that occur when a child who is receiving OB benefits is brought into custody.
- Ensure continuity of care for children who are removed from their home by allowing agencies to more seamlessly keep youth with their existing Managed Care Organization (MCO) and ensure the continuation of the OhioRISE plan for eligible youth.
- Streamline Medicaid eligibility into one system, OB, for policy compliance and reporting.

### **What can you expect?**

An overview of the changes coming to Ohio SACWIS Release 4.40 is scheduled for Thursday 06/26/2025 from 10am – 12pm. Attendees will view a demonstration of the new functionality, hear how the changes impact Medicaid determinations, and see how the additional information from OB will be displayed in Ohio SACWIS. DCY will highlight:

- How a child's Medicaid application will be sent to OB at the beginning of a custody episode.
- Why a new Medicaid number will be created at the time of PC, rather than at the time of adoption.
- The match process of the Children Services person to an OB person at the creation of an initial removal, ICPC, ICAMA, or subsidy.
- How the selection functionality for MCOs has been enhanced.
- The new case functionality containing Medicaid and OB details

Existing functionality impacted by this initiative includes Initial Removal, Living Arrangement (child of minor parent), Custody Termination, Legal Guardianship, Adoption Subsidy, KGAP and ICPC/ ICAMA.

### **How to prepare?**

A live training will be held on Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm. to help you learn how to prepare for these changes. To join the live event [click here.](#)

### **Contact**

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