

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

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Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Jennifer Smith, Deputy Secretary



OMHSAS Policy Updates

- **Bulletin OMHSAS-24-02 regarding contracted delegate services**
 - Under 55 Pa. Code § 4210.41(b), the approval for an involuntary commitment for emergency detention may not be contracted for by a purchase of service agreement.
 - A “purchase of service agreement” is a written agreement for a contracted service between a county and a service provider. The term does not include per diem employment agreements between a county mental health program and a qualified professional, as defined in the Mental Health Procedures Act (50 P.S. § 7103.1)

- **Future bulletin regarding 302 involuntary commitment evaluation forms**
 - The Department is creating an updated version of the MH 783 and its companion forms MH 738A and MH 738B
 - These forms will supersede existing county versions of the same forms

OMHSAS Operations Updates

- **CMS released two Final Rules**
 - Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services
 - Includes improvements that seek to increase transparency and accountability, standardize data and monitoring, and create opportunities for states to promote active beneficiary engagement in their Medicaid programs with the goal of improving holistic access to care.
 - Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality
 - Will advance CMS’s efforts to improve access to care, quality and health outcomes, and better address health equity issues for Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) managed care enrollees.
- **Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy for Suicide Prevention**
 - <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/20240423/biden-harris-administration-releases-national-strategy-suicide-prevention-first-ever-federal-action-plan>



OMHSAS Staffing Update

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