

Why should a Local Public Health Department (LPHD) participate in MAC?

Many of the traditional public health activities focus on helping people get enrolled in Medicaid and helping get to appropriate medical care. These activities help the Medicaid program serve their consumers. Ohio MAC will help gain reimbursement for these activities in order to expand service to low-income Ohioans. Ohio MAC will help you to help others.

How can Local Public Health Departments qualify and how do they participate?

All LPHDs may participate. Each interested agency must complete an implementation plan, enter into a contract with ODH, and complete a quarterly time study to document the staff time on MAC activities.

What is considered a Medicaid Service?

Medicaid covered services are those medical, dental, and mental health services in Ohio's Medicaid State Plan. If a LPHD helps people from the community to enroll in Medicaid, or obtain a Medicaid services such as EPSDT, immunizations, family planning, BCMH, or prenatal care, it is likely that the agency is doing reimbursable MAC activities.



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Ohio's Medicaid Administrative Claiming

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What are Medicaid Administrative Claiming Activities?

Activities that improve access to Medicaid coverage or improve the use of Medicaid covered services.

Why is there an Ohio MAC for LPHDs?

Public health agencies and the Medicaid Program share a focus on improving access to health care for low income Ohioans. Local Public Health Departments (LPHDs) know that a lack of health insurance, limited availability of providers, limited transportation, language barriers and the complex health care system pose challenges to many Ohioans. Through MAC a LPHD can be reimbursed, in part, for their efforts that assist low income Ohioans in enrolling in Medicaid and accessing appropriate Medicaid-covered services.

Medicaid Outreach

Informing an individual or group about the benefits of Medicaid, what it covers, how to use it and convincing people to apply is all considered Medicaid Outreach.

Facilitating Medicaid Eligibility

Assisting an individual in applying for Medicaid via the Combined Programs Application (CPS) by either helping complete the form or gathering eligibility information is Facilitating Medicaid Eligibility.

Referral, Coordination and Monitoring of Medicaid Services

Helping people find a doctor, schedule a medical, dental, or mental health appointment, or explaining the need for referral for a medical service.

Coordinating care with families and doctors, providing follow-up contact to ensure care if received, or explaining the latest medical tests and advising on what services are needed first.

Monitoring a person's care including medication, service management, and preparing and sending letters or phone calls to remind clients of upcoming appointments or needed services are MAC activities.

Transportation and Translation for Medicaid Services

Arranging and/or scheduling transportation to services or accompanying the individual to a Medicaid service.

Medical Related Provider Relations

Recruiting new providers and developing or maintaining directories of providers to expand or maintain the pool of medical/dental/mental health providers in a community.

Program Planning, Development & Interagency Coordination of Medical Services

Working with other agencies to improve the coordination of and access to Medicaid services, reducing and closing gaps in services, are all MAC activities.

