



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5162.136 Review of barriers to interventions intended to reduce tobacco use, prevent prematurity, and promote optimal birth spacing.

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(A) The department of medicaid shall conduct periodic reviews to determine the barriers that medicaid recipients face in gaining full access to interventions intended to reduce tobacco use, prevent prematurity, and promote optimal birth spacing. The first review shall occur not later than sixty days after April 6, 2017. Thereafter, reviews shall be conducted every six months. The department shall prepare a report that summarizes the results of each review, which must contain the information specified in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, as applicable. Each report shall be submitted to the commission on infant mortality and the general assembly. Submissions to the general assembly shall be made in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department shall make a presentation on each report at the first meeting of the commission on infant mortality that follows the report's submission to the commission.

(C)(1) All of the following shall be in the first report submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section:

(a) Identification of the access barriers described in division (A) of this section, the individuals affected by the barriers, and whether the barriers result from policies implemented by the department, medicaid managed care organizations, providers, or others;

(b) Recommendations for the expedient removal of the access barriers;

(c) An analysis of the performance of the fee-for-service component of medicaid and the performance of each medicaid managed care organization on health metrics pertaining to tobacco cessation, prematurity prevention, and birth spacing;

(d) Any other information the department considers pertinent to the report's topic.



(2) All of the following shall be in each subsequent report submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section:

(a) The progress that has been made on removing the access barriers described in division (A) of this section and the impact such progress has had on reducing the infant mortality rate in this state;

(b) A performance analysis of the fee-for-service component of medicaid and each medicaid managed care organization on health metrics pertaining to tobacco cessation, prematurity prevention, and birth spacing;

(c) Any other information the department considers pertinent.