

Welcome to the third edition of the KEPRO Connect Ohio newsletter! We will be issuing a new edition every quarter to keep you updated on all the latest news regarding the Ohio Department of Medicaid and KEPRO's work. Our goal is to keep you informed on the latest updates and announcements, important information and to provide tips and guidance to help you work more efficiently and effectively.

## Behavioral Health

For Medicaid recipients who are on fee-for-service at the time of the KEPRO review but will be enrolling in a Medicaid managed care plan (MCP), KEPRO will not approve dates of service after MCP enrollment. For example, if a recipient will be enrolled in a MCP beginning October 1, the provider, if aware of the pending enrollment, should not request a date of service after September 30.

## Home Health

### How to Figure Out the Number of Units Requested:

*# hours (hr) or visits (vs) per week (wk) requested minus the 14hr(vs)/wk covered by the state plan x 4 = # units/wk to request.*

**Example** - Requesting 21visits/wk Skilled Nursing.

21 visits/wk requested minus 14 visits/wk covered by the state plan  
(=7) x 4 = 28 (15 minute) units/wk

**Example** - Requesting 56hr/wk Home Health Aide 56hr/wk requested minus 14hr/wk covered by the state plan  
(= 42) x 4 = 168 units/wk

\*\*\* On the OASIS, providers need to make sure that the name of the person completing it and the date are included. Providers also need to clearly document the discipline ordered and frequency on the 485/Plan of Care.

Instructions for submitting home health prior authorizations can be found in the link below.

<http://ohmedicaid.kepro.com/media/1771/home-health-prior-authorization-atrezzo-provider-portal-submission-requirements.pdf>



## How Providers Can Register for MITS for Case Submission

Providers should use the links below for information on registering for MITS access for case submission.

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODM-Guidance#1615193-mits-resources>

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Providers/MITS/MITS-Portal-Registration.pdf>

## Atrezzo Provider Portal

The web-based Atrezzo provider portal meets all HIPAA standards for protecting the confidentiality and security of PHI. Data is encrypted using 256 bit encryption and remains encrypted over the web as well as while stored in the Atrezzo database.



To log into the Atrezzo provider portal, click the link below.

<https://atrezzo.kepro.com/Account/Login.aspx>

### OHM Retro Submitted Status

KEPRO has updated the Provider Portal in Atrezzo. This became available on October 1, 2018. This updated reporting capability allows providers to identify their Ohio Medicaid retrospective review cases that have been submitted in Atrezzo but await review by KEPRO. The report will allow filtering for submitted reviews with no records attached and/or reviews that have medical records attached.

To view step-by-step instructions regarding the OHM Retro Submitted Status Report in the Provider Atrezzo Portal in Atrezzo, click the link below.

<http://ohmedicaid.kepro.com/media/2148/how-to-view-provider-portal-report-ohm-retro-submitted-status.pdf>

## From the Medical Director

- Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is characterized by degeneration of the anterior horn cells in the spinal cord and motor nuclei in the lower brainstem, which results in progressive muscle weakness and atrophy.
- Nusinersen is a costly, FDA approved, antisense oligonucleotide that is designed to increase the expression of the survival motor neuron protein. So far, published data only report on tests in pediatric patients, among whom it has shown benefit in roughly half of those receiving it.
- ODM is now requiring prior authorization for nusinersen (Spinraza). The change took effect in July 2018.
- The manufacturer's instructions to prescribing clinicians say, "Ensure a baseline assessment is done and then document changes in (or maintenance of) motor milestones at every patient visit, so you can provide evidence of SPINRAZA efficacy to the patient's health plan."

- In order for a PA to be approved, KEPRO must receive the following documentation:
  - Confirmed diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), including type and results of confirmatory molecular genetic testing, if any.
  - For initial administration - baseline functional screening must be included:
    - In very young pediatric patients, developmental milestones and full neurological exam.
    - In older pediatric or adult patients, detailed history of progression, full neurological exam, and detailed functional assessment, such as the Expanded Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale.
  - For maintenance therapy after the second maintenance dose:
    - In very young pediatric patients, continued developmental progression or at least maintenance of previously attained milestones.
    - In older pediatric or adult patients, objective functional recovery or at least arrest of previous rate of functional decline, as demonstrated by a detailed functional assessment, such as the Expanded Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale.

After a trial of four loading and two additional maintenance doses, subjective reports from the patient or parents that nusinersen is “working” will be insufficient for authorization of continued dosing. There must be objective, measured evidence of continued drug efficacy.

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