Aetna Better Health of Ohio, OhioRISE Selects Five Providers to Expand Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services for Ohio Youth

Aetna Better Health® of Ohio, OhioRISE (Aetna), has selected five Ohio behavioral health providers to develop Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) services for OhioRISE enrollees. Together, the proposed programs would add 54 PRTF beds in five communities, serving youth ages 6 to 21. The new beds are in addition to the 58 beds at Ohio's current PRTFs, bringing the statewide total to 112.

The selections follow the request for proposals (RFP) Aetna released in September 2026 to increase the number of PRTFs across Ohio. PRTFs provide intensive, around-the-clock psychiatric treatment in a residential setting for youth who need more support than can be provided at home or in the community. Growing PRTF capacity continues OhioRISE's goal of helping Ohio youth receive this level of care here in Ohio, close to their families, schools and communities, rather than leaving the state for treatment.

Selected Providers

- **Unison Health** (Bowling Green): 16 beds serving youth ages 6–17
- **The Buckeye Ranch** (Grove City): 10 beds serving youth ages 18–21
- **The Village Network** (Wooster): 6 beds serving youth ages 13–17
- **OhioGuidestone** (Berea): 6 beds serving youth ages 6–12
- **New Motivation of Bond Hill** (Cincinnati): 16 beds serving youth ages 15–17

Each program must be certified by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) before serving youth. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will assist the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and DBH in regulatory oversight.

Next Steps

Aetna will begin working with each selected provider on PRTF readiness. Next steps include:

- In-person meetings and site visits with each provider to discuss the PRTF readiness process.
- Individual provider work plans, with a regular schedule of planning meetings.
- An initial orientation meeting bringing together all selected providers.

Aetna thanks every organization that submitted a proposal and shared its commitment to serving Ohio youth with complex behavioral health needs. Questions about the PRTF RFP can be sent to ohiorise-RFP@aetna.com.