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## **Heart of Ohio Family Health Has Added Substance Use Disorder Services**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) is pleased to announce they have extended their substance use disorder (SUD) services by using telehealth and adding a new Substance Use Disorder Counselor to its behavioral health (BH) team.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, risks for individuals with substance use disorders include decreased access to health care, housing insecurity and greater likelihood for incarceration. Integrating the SUD program will allow HOFHC patients to have access to SUD services in Central Ohio and reduce the onset of substance use.

“Our patient population is underserved minorities who are often stigmatized for having substance use disorders,” said Chief Executive Officer Dr. Buhari Mohammed. “This [SUD] service is not only to reduce stigma but provide the best personalized care for our patients.”

Mohammed also mentioned the increase of opioid addiction during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has been a growing concern for the health center but everyone is geared to be on the cutting edge.

“Getting SUD treatment during the COVID-19 crisis can be difficult due to physical distancing,” he said. “But telehealth has eased that barrier for us.”

Dawn Glaze, Substance Use Disorder Counselor, has been providing SUD counseling and screening patients by conducting telehealth appointments either through telephone or video conferencing using UnityPHM.

“I am feeling very blessed to be helping patients during this vulnerable time,” Glaze said, “It’s important to make sure individuals are feeling safe.”

Aside from the initial SUD appointment, all other SUD appointments are generally an hour long. Video conferencing and telephone appointments are covered by most private insurances,



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Medicaid and Medicare. HOFHC also offers a sliding fee discount based on the patient's income and number of dependents.

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To learn more about Heart of Ohio Family Health, visit [www.heartofohiofamilyhealth.org](http://www.heartofohiofamilyhealth.org).

### **About Heart of Ohio Family Health**

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care provider committed to serving all groups, ethnicities, and communities in Central Ohio since 2003. Operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we offer services in primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use disorder, OBGYN, diagnostic laboratory, pharmacy, dietetics & nutrition, and interpretation.

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