

**Lake County ADAMHS Board  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Policy #: 02-10-07	Subject: Free Choice for Providers
Standard #: I-B.3	Effective Date: 09/18/06
Board Motion #: 07-015	

The Lake County ADAMHS Board (Board) shall pay Medicaid claims submitted to Lake County to any certified Medicaid agency in the State of Ohio. The Board shall contract with any certified Medicaid agency requesting a contract within the Board service area.

The certified agency must sign standardized Medicaid contract issued by either the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) or Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) along with the Medicaid rates and corresponding Uniform Cost Report (UCR). If an agency is certified by both ODMH and ODADAS, a Medicaid contract, rate sheet, and UCR form must be filled out for both Departments.

The agreement(s) will be reviewed and signed by the Board Executive Director and submitted to the corresponding Department for review and signature. Once the original contract is signed and returned to the Board, it will be kept by the Staff Accountant.