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Ohio News

HB 166: HHS Subcommittee finishes hearings

The House Finance Health and Human Services Subcommittee heard the last of testimony on H.B. 166 - the budget bill - last week. Chairman Romanchuk and members of the subcommittee heard from hundreds of interested parties from individuals to state agencies in preparation to submit recommendations to House Finance Committee Chairman Oelslager. Rep Romanchuk noted during several testimonies that he would support rate

increases to long-term services and supports. This could include the market basket increase to SNF Medicaid rates that is removed in the current version of HB 166. House members will now review amendments to H.B. 166 in preparation of a substitute bill expected towards the end of April. ([Back to top.](#))

ODM sending overpayment report letters of no finding

The Ohio Department of Medicaid will be sending out letters of "no finding" to all affected NFs on/before the scheduled 05.01.19 certified mailing date for overpayment reports. The no finding letter will be sent via regular (non-certified) mail. [Please click here to view a copy of the letter.](#)

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Discounted rates for the Spring Conference end tomorrow!

Early bird rates for the 2019 OANAC/ASHS Spring Conference end tomorrow! The one-day conference on April 26 will sessions covering ICD-10 coding, PDPM, Phase 3 RoP, and a legal nursing course for the member rate of \$110! This price will increase after April 16, [so register today.](#) [Click here to view the full agenda.](#) This program has been approved for Continuing Education for 5.5 total participant hours by NAB/NCERS (Approval #20200425-5.50-A53425-IN) and 1 hour of Nursing CE that meets the legal CE requirement. Attendees must attend the entire conference to receive the NAB credit. ([Back to top.](#))



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National News

CMS updates PDPM information

CMS has updated the FAQ document found on the [PDPM website](#). Please [click here to view the updated document](#). Changes are underlined and in red. ([Back to top.](#))

CMS releases Care Coordination Toolkit and series of ACO Case Studies

From CMS: "CMS has released a public [ACO Care Coordination Toolkit](#) showing the work of ACOs and End-Stage Renal Disease Care (ESRD) Seamless Care Organizations (ESCOs) participating in the Shared Savings Program, Next Generation ACO Model, and the Comprehensive ESRD Care Model. The toolkit highlights innovative care coordination strategies that ACOs and ESCOs use to collaborate with beneficiaries, clinicians, and post-acute care partners to ensure high-quality, effective care is provided at the right time and in

the right setting. The toolkit aims to educate the public about strategies used by ACOs and ESCOs to provide value-based care while also providing actionable ideas to current and prospective ACOs to help them improve or begin operations.

CMS has also released seven case studies to describe innovative initiatives from ACOs and ESRD ESCOs on a variety of topics including engaging beneficiaries, coordinating care in rural settings, and promoting health literacy. Each case study includes detailed results and lessons learned. By sharing their stories, we hope to help current and future Medicare ACOs, and other providers and entities, find new ways to make care better, people healthier, and spending smarter. For more information on the case studies, please visit the [ACO General Information web page.](#)"

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CMS MLN Connects

News

- [Patients Over Paperwork April Newsletter](#)
- [New Part D Opioid Overutilization Policies: Myths and Facts](#)
- [Medicare Shared Savings Program: Submit Notice of Intent to Apply Beginning June 11](#)
- [Quality Payment Program CMS Web Interface and CAHPS for MIPS Survey: Register by July 1](#)
- [Quality Payment Program: 2018 MIPS Data Submission Preliminary Feedback](#)
- [IRF and SNF Quality Reporting Program: Enhanced Review and Correct Reports](#)
- [Part A Providers: Formal Telephone Discussion Demonstration Expansion](#)
- [Help Prevent Alcohol Misuse or Abuse](#)
- [National Health Care Decisions Day is April 16](#)

Compliance

- [Provider Minute Video: The Importance of Proper Documentation](#)

Claims, Pricers & Codes

- [Hold Hospice Adjustments to Avoid Underpayments](#)

Publications

- [Medicare Fraud & Abuse: Prevent, Detect, Report](#)
- [Promoting Interoperability Programs](#)
- [Telehealth Services — Revised](#)

- [Descriptors of G-codes and Modifiers for Therapy Functional Reporting — Revised](#)
- [Medicare Fraud & Abuse Poster — Reminder](#)

Multimedia

- [CMS: Beyond the Policy Podcast](#)
- [Cost Reports Webcast: Audio Recording and Transcript](#)
- [Quality Payment Program Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\): Quality Performance Category in 2019 Web-Based Training Course — Revised](#)

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ODDS AND ENDS

Tomorrow is NCTA Day - get your resources here!

CMS designated April 16 as National Care Transitions Awareness day. The Health Services Advisory Group has provided the following resources in recognition of NCTA:

[Download and Print the Best-Practices Toolkit](#)

Share the HSAG Care Coordination Best-Practices Toolkit—an overview of more than 25 care coordination tools and samples designed to help reduce readmissions across care settings.

[Watch Helpful Care Coordination Videos](#)

Check out the HSAG video playlist highlighting care coordination. Share these videos at stand-up and staff meetings.

[Utilize Patient Education Resources](#)

Engage and encourage patients to care for their own health condition by using patient zone tools.

NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS

[Navigating Care Transitions for Homeless Patients Webinar](#)
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
3 to 4 p.m. EDT

[OANAC/ASHS Spring Conference](#)
April 26
Columbus, OH

[CMS National Provider Compliance Conference](#)
May 7 and 8
Denver, CO

[CMS SNF QRP 'Train the Trainer'](#)
May 7 and 8
Kansas City, MO

[NAB 2019 Annual Meeting](#)
June 12 and 14
Charleston, SC

[NELS 2019 Summit](#)

July 16-18
Washington, D.C.

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