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## Ohio News

### ODH to review NATCEP rules

The Ohio Department of Health is reviewing the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) rules. Beginning in late May, ODH will be convening meetings to review the rules and accept stakeholder input for changes. If you are interested in participating in the NATCEP rule review process, please contact The Academy. (Back to top.)

### Cost reports due May 2

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has confirmed that cost reports are due May 2 because April 30 falls on a Saturday. (Back to top.)

### May 6 deadline for RCF ARPA funds

H.B. 169 provided COVID relief for residential care facilities (RCF) of $500 per bed. RCFs have to apply to receive the funds. According to the Ohio Department of Aging, there are about 230 providers that have not applied for over $9 million in available relief funds. ***The deadline to apply is May 6.*** Please apply if you have not done so already. (Back to top.)

## National News

### CMS releases CHOP/CHOW data

From CMS: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is releasing data publicly -- for the first time -- on mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, and changes of ownership from 2016-2022 for hospitals and nursing homes enrolled in Medicare. This data is a powerful new tool for researchers, state and federal enforcement agencies, and the public to better understand the impacts of consolidation on health care prices and quality of care.

CMS's data on the changes of ownership — which includes details on mergers, acquisitions, and consolidations — is now available on data.cms.gov. The data can help researchers, enforcers, and the public analyze trends and issues in health care markets, and more specifically, provide insight into how the ownership of health care providers impacts costs and outcomes of consumers. For example, ASPE's report identifies several findings from the new dataset:

- Changes of ownership have been much more common in nursing homes than hospitals over the past six years.
- There is also wide ownership variation by state. For instance, 19% of hospitals (14 out of 73) in South Carolina were sold during this period, while most states had fewer than 4% of hospitals change ownership.
- A majority (62.3%) of Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) that were purchased have a single organizational owner, 6.9% have multiple organizations owners, while 18.2% have only individual owners and 12.7% have both types of owners.

CMS expects to release updated change of ownership data on a quarterly basis. The CMS data will enhance transparency for hospitals and nursing homes patients, potential patients and their loved ones, as well as for policymakers and the communities where these facilities are located.

For more information on the HHS data release, including publicly available data files, please visit: Hospital Change of Ownership: https://data.cms.gov/provider-characteristics/hospitals-and-other-facilities/hospital-change-of-ownership; and Skilled Nursing Facility Change of Ownership: https://data.cms.gov/provider-characteristics/hospitals-and-other-facilities/skilled-nursing-facility-change-of-ownership.

For the ASPE report analyzing the new change in ownership data, please visit: https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/changes-ownership-hospital-skilled-nursing-facilities (Back to top.)

## CGS: Part A post pay resumptive review status

Beginning August 17, 2020, CMS directed the MACs to resume fee-for-service medical review activities beginning with post payment reviews of items/services provided before March 1, 2020. Items and services were selected based upon high error rates and/or potential overutilization identified through data analysis. CGS Medical Review is dedicated to the integrity of the Medicare program. CGS welcomes provider inquiries and continues to offer education sessions to ensure providers understand CMS regulations with the goal of successful reviews resulting in claim payment. Results for service specific post payment reviews are available by clicking here. (Back to top.)

## MLN Connects Newsletter

News

- Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Key Dates & Measure Change
- Ambulance Ground Transport: Comparative Billing Report in April
- Hospices: Aggregate & Inpatient Caps under the Value-Based Insurance Design Model

Compliance

- Medicare Provider Compliance Newsletter
- DMEPOS Items: Medical Record Documentation

Events

- CMS Health Equity Symposium — April 28

MLN Matters® Articles

- Update to Publication 100-04, Chapter 18 and Publication 100-02, Chapter 15, Section to Add Data Regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its Administration to Current Claims Processing Requirements and Other General Updates

Publications

- Medicare Modernization of Payment Software — Revised

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**Keep October 27 & 28 open for the ASHS Fall Conference in Columbus!**

**ODDS AND ENDS**

***Next CMS SNF ODF***
The next CMS Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)/Long Term Care (LTC) Open Door Forum scheduled for Thursday 28 April 2022 from 2 to 3 PM (ET). To participate by phone dial 1-888-455-1397 & Passcode: 5109694. Tentative agenda:

- FY 2023 SNF PPS Proposed Rule
    - FY 2023 Updates to the SNF Payment Rates
    - Recalibration of the PDPM Parity Adjustment
    - Changes in PDPM ICD-10 Code Mappings
    - Permanent Cap on Wage Index Decreases
    - Request for Information: Coding Infection Isolation
- SNF Quality Reporting Program
    - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights and Announcements
    - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Public Reporting

**NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS**

**Cost Reports Due 02 May 2022**

**H.B. 120 Compassionate Care Effective 19 July 2022**

Click here for QIO training series.

Click here for QIO Booster Blitz series.

Click here for CMS NH COVID-19 Training Modules

Click here to view CGS Part A training events

Click here to view CGS Part B training events

- SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program
- PBJ Reminder
    - Policy Questions should be sent to NHStaffing@cms.hhs.gov
    - Technical Issues/Questions should be sent to iqies@cms.hhs.gov
    - PBJ Website: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Staffing-Data-Submission-PBJ.html

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