

The Academy Weekly

News & Information for LTC Providers



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Week of 19 May 2019

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day! Please take a moment to remember those that have sacrificed for our country.

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Ohio News

HB 166: Senate hearings wrapping-up

The Senate Finance subcommittees have finished their hearings on HB 166, the state operating budget bill, and the full Senate Finance Committee recently finished testimony from state officials and agencies. The Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to hear more public testimony this week on the bill, including on Health and Human Services and Medicaid. Senators will be pouring over suggested changes to the bill during the week, including more funding for long-term services and supports. A substitute bill could be

introduced later this week, but most likely it will not be until the first week of June. We will keep you updated as the bill moves through the Senate and on to conference committee.

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KEPRO out, Livanta in as BFCC-QIO

KEPRO will no longer be the BCFF-QIO for Ohio effective June 8. Providers will need to update their appeals notices with Livanta's information. According to Livanta's Provider Bulletin: All cases currently under review by KEPRO will either be completed by June 7 or transferred to Livanta for completion. All timelines specified by Medicare regulations will be met. It is critical at this time that you complete the following items:

- Disseminate this bulletin to mailroom staff, medical records staff, care transitions staff, quality staff and any

other critical personnel in your facility to ensure a smooth transition.

- Please remove all references to KEPRO in your publications by June 8, 2019.

- Beginning with notices issued on June 8, 2019, update all Medicare Beneficiary Notices with Livanta's Helpline information.

- Notices should be updated with the appropriate phone numbers from the table below.

Affected

notices include: HINN, NOMNC, DENC, and IM forms. For more information please visit the

CMS BNI website here: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-general-information/bni/index.html>.

Effective June 8, 2019, Medicare Beneficiary Notices should be updated to Region 5 (OH, IN, IL, MI, MN, WI): Livanta LLC 1 888 524 9900, TTY 1 888 985 8775

[Please click here to download the entire provider bulletin from Livantia.](#) [\(Back to top.\)](#)

Background check citations increasing

BELTSS notified The Academy last week that they have concerns over the increased number of citations facilities are receiving for either no background checks or improper background checks. From BELTSS: "BELTSS has noticed a recent trend in citations for failure to comply with 3721.121 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding BCI checks. Multiple facilities have been cited recently for using a background check service that does not use fingerprints to conduct its background checks, or for failing to do background checks altogether. The facilities are being cited for both Failure to Develop/Implement Abuse/Neglect policies and Effective Administration at a Scope and Severity of F." Please ensure your facilities are having background checks done and that they are sufficient to meet regulatory requirements. [\(Back to top.\)](#)

ODM announces first transition PAAs for 9401s

The Ohio Department of Medicaid notified nursing facilities and counties that they will be transitioning to processing 9401s in the following PAA regions beginning July 1, 2019: 7, 8, and 9. ODM is having training sessions via webinar and noted the following information for nursing facilities in those PAA regions:

- Attend the ODM webinar for clarifications on previous communication exchanges with the PAA
- No change in the ways by which you submit 9401's
- Your access in ProviderGateway will remain the same!

The training webinar schedule is as follows:

June 6, 2019 @ 9:00am – Webinar for PAA's 7, 8 & 9, respective counties and NF's to discuss transition.

Link to Register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Vw5sacT8SeGKbFFqe1T3lA

June 13, 2019 @ 1:00pm - Make up webinar regarding transition for those who could not attend on June 6th.

Link to Register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C8hg9BACSFKWpqqh-S8ziQ

June 27, 2019 @ 9:00am - Webinar (Q&A) for Nursing Facilities.

Link to Register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4BIId1uZsQpSyW8atn2BSfw

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National News

CMS Post-Acute Care QRPs: Reporting Requirements and Resources Call

From CMS: "Wednesday, **June 5 from 2 to 3:30 pm ET** [Register](#) for Medicare Learning Network events. During this call, learn about reporting requirements and resources for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH), and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Programs (QRPs). Topics:

- Data submission requirements and deadlines
- Annual Payment Update requirements
- Reconsideration process

- [Reports](#)

Target Audience: Post-acute care providers, including IRFs, LTCHs, and SNFs." ([Back to Top](#))

CMS MLN Connects

News

- [No Shortcuts to Safer Opioids Prescribing: CDC Commentary](#)
- [CMS Takes Action to Lower Prescription Drug Prices and Increase Transparency](#)
- [SNF Provider Preview Reports: Review Your Data by May 30](#)
- [Draft 2020 QRDA Category III Implementation Guide: Submit Comments by June 5](#)
- [Medicare Shared Savings Program: Do You Plan to Apply to be an ACO?](#)
- [Promoting Interoperability Program: 2015 Edition CEHRT Required](#)
- [April – June Quarterly Provider Update](#)
- [Break Free from Osteoporosis](#)

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers & Codes

- [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Valid Claims](#)

Events

- [DMEPOS Competitive Bidding: Round 2021 Webcast Series – Updated Schedule](#)
- [Post-Acute Care QRPs: Reporting Requirements and Resources Call – June 5](#)
- [Emergency Department Services: Comparative Billing Report Webinar – June 11](#)
- [Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Review and Correct Report Webinar – June 11](#)

MLN Matters® Articles

- [Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update](#)
- [Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) Drug/Biological Code Changes – July 2019 Update](#)
- [Remittance Advice Remark Code \(RARC\), Claims Adjustment Reason Code \(CARC\), Medicare Remit Easy Print \(MREP\) and PC Print Update](#)

- [Reporting the HCPCS Level II Modifiers of the Patient Relationship Categories and Codes](#)
- [Proper Use of Modifier 59 — Revised](#)

[Publications](#)

- [Provider Compliance Tips for Positive Airway Pressure \(PAP\) Devices and Accessories Including Continuous Positive Airway Pressure \(CPAP\) — Revised](#)
- [Medicare Basics: Commonly Used Acronyms — Reminder](#)

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ODDS AND ENDS

Latest HOME Choice provider bulletin

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has released the latest HOME Choice provider bulletin. [Please click here to download.](#)

CMS makes non-substantial updates to PDPM implementation MLN article

Note: We revised this article on May 6, 2019, to reflect a revised CR11152 that CMS issued on May 3. The changes to the CR did not affect the substance of the article. In the article, we revised the CR release date, transmittal number, and the web address of the CR. All other information remains the same. [Click here to view the article.](#)

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NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS

SNF Provider Preview Report period
Ends May 30

[9401 Transition for PAAs 7, 8, 9](#)
June 6 at 9 AM
Webinar

[Livanta BFCC-QIO](#)
Effective June 8

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

[9401 Transition PAAs 7, 8, 9 Make-up Session](#)
June 13 at 1 PM
Webinar

[9401 Transition PAAs 7, 8, 9 Q&A](#)
June 27 at 9 AM
Webinar

[HOME Choice changes](#)

Effective July 1

[9401 Transition for PAAs](#)

[7, 8, 9](#)

Effective July 1

[NELS 2019 Summit](#)

July 16-18

Washington, D.C.

[PDPM Implementation](#)

Effective October 1

**ASHS/OANAC Fall
Conference**

November 19 and 20

Columbus, OH

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