

# The Academy Weekly

## News & Information for LTC Providers



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## Ohio News

### HENS update set for end of July

The latest version of the HENS system, version 3.0, is getting ready for a launch date towards the end of July. The features update will have a streamlined version of the ODM 3622 and ODM 7000 forms along with an updated user interface. ODM will be issuing a new HENS User Guide, providing training videos, creating a user training environment, and offering Q&A sessions. These are anticipated to be released in mid to late July. We will update you as more information is released. ([Back to top.](#))

### ODM LOC proposed rule changes

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is proposing changes to the level of care rules as part of the five year review process. According to ODM, there is a significant amendment to 5160-3-08 that seeks to add provisions allowing individuals with indications of a developmental disability (DD) to potentially meet the intermediate level of care. Identifying solutions to timely meet the needs of medically fragile individuals has been an ongoing concern across agencies and ODM wanted to ensure that these concerns and all feedback provided surrounding this issue is considered. ODM also provided the following summary:

**OAC 5160-3-05 entitled “Level of care definitions.”**

- References and citations updated
- Definitions contained in previously rescinded rules removed
- Definitions for “Adult” and “Child” added

**OAC 5160-3-06 entitled “Criteria for the protective level of care.”**

- References and citations updated

**OAC 5160-3-08 entitled “Criteria for nursing facility-based level of care.”**

- References and citations updated
- Reference to meeting ICF-IID level of care removed
- Provisions added to allow adults and children with indications of a developmental disability to potentially meet the intermediate level of care
- Sensitivity language updated

**OAC 5160-3-14 entitled “Process and timeframes for a level of care determination for nursing facility-based level of care programs.”**

*(Please note this rule was already updated as a part of the permanent filing of emergency rules with recent effective date 4/2/2021)*

- ODM 03697 for revision date updated

The draft rules are available for download by clicking here. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the rules, please let The Academy know prior to Thursday, June 17. ([Back to top.](#))

**COVID cases fall; testing schedule released**

The statewide average COVID cases per 100,000 fell below a key threshold last week. The state average is now below 50 per 100,000 and is at its lowest level since June of last year.

The Governor's office was quick to point out that this does not mean we can let our guard down; however, it hopefully is the beginning of the end of the pandemic. If more people continue to get vaccinated, we can expect that number to fall further. On the similar note of maintaining vigilance in preventing COVID, ODA released the latest testing schedule. [It is available by clicking here.](#) Supplies for the testing began shipping June 4. [\(Back to top.\)](#)

## **NF PA form pilot addresses questions**

As reported in earlier editions of *The Weekly*, the managed care organizations (MCOs) are piloting with 15 nursing home providers the use of a standardized prior authorization form that can be submitted to any of the MCOs. The MCOs held a training session that resulted in several questions about the form. The questions provide some insight as to concerns providers have about using the form and if it is more burdensome than the current process. Below are the questions and answers:

1. May Members admit to the SNF when request submitted or will members need to wait for a response from the MCO for a Member to admit?
  - This form does not change any existing agreements related to PA that are in place between a provider and a MCP/MCOP.
2. For updates to pre certs do we use this form in addition to the plans form or in place of?
  - You will use this singular form in place of the individual health plan forms for all Medicaid and MyCare lines of business.
3. Member or authorized Representative Signature. Is this a requirement for the precert to be completed, and does it have to be signed with each continued stay review or just one time?
  - If the provider has [Topas](#) access to obtain the signature we ask that they obtain it, it does not need to be obtained for every continued stay review but should be obtained if member transitions from skilled to non-skilled/long term care.
4. Certification signature.....is this an MD signature, or signature of person submitting the information to the plan, and again, is it required for the precert and does it have to have a new signature with each ongoing review?
  - A physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant should sign the form or, in lieu of signing, a signed order may be included in the clinical documentation. See instructions on the first page of the Nursing Facility Request Form for more details. It is required for precert and with each ongoing review.

We will continue to update you on the progress of the pilot. [\(Back to top.\)](#)

## BWC considering change to COVID coverage

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is proposing a change to the Ohio Administrative Code to exclude COVID-19 claims from an employer's workers' compensation experience/rates for those employers that pay premiums to BWC. The proposed change would exclude all claim costs associated with allowed COVID-19 workers' compensation claims and thus will not impact BWC premiums. The change would impact both individual and group retrospective rating programs. The change is still waiting approval from the BWC Board before becoming effective. ([Back to top.](#))



## National News

### CDC offers CME, CNE, and CPE CE via Project Firstline

Project Firstline announced the launch of its first Continuing Education (CE) course on Infection Control, with additional courses scheduled for release over the coming weeks. Infection control matters – and understanding why we do the things we do to keep germs from spreading, and to keep people from getting sick, is just as important as knowing the actions themselves. Learn more about the “why” behind infection control and earn CE in the process with Project Firstline course, [Introduction to Infection Control and Virus Basics](#). The course is available through Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEO) and CE includes CME, CNE, and CPE. ([Back to top.](#))

### MACs resume medical review

Beginning August 2020, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) resumed post-payment reviews of items and services with dates of service before March 2020. MACs may now begin conducting post-payment medical reviews for later dates of service. The Targeted Probe and Educate program (intensive education to assess provider compliance through up to 3 rounds of review) will restart later. The MACs will continue to offer detailed review decisions and education as appropriate. ([Back to top.](#))

### CMS MLN Connects

#### News

- [Medicare Shared Savings Program: Submit Notice of Intent to Apply by June 7](#)
- [Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories: Key Dates for New & Reconsidered Test Codes](#)
- [Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories: Private Payor Rate-Based CLFS Resources](#)

- [MACs Resume Medical Review on a Post-payment Basis](#)
- [CMS Celebrates Pride Month](#)

#### [Compliance](#)

- [Improper Payment for Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy Planning Services](#)

#### [MLN Matters® Articles](#)

- [International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision \(ICD-10\) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination \(NCDs\) – October 2021](#)
- [National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) 110.24: Chimeric Antigen Receptor \(CAR\) T-cell Therapy](#)
- [National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) 210.3: Screening for Colorectal Cancer \(CRC\) - Blood-Based Biomarker Tests](#)
- [National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) Removal](#)
- [Quarterly Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule \(CLFS\) and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment](#)

#### [Publications](#)

- [Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital – Revised](#)

#### [Multimedia](#)

- [Hospice Quality Reporting Program: May Forum Materials](#)

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#### **ODDS AND ENDS**

##### ***QIO: NH Naloxone Best Practices***

In response to nursing home needs, we are hosting a **Nursing Home Naloxone Best Practices** webinar on June 17 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Join us and discover:

- The results of the emergency medication kit assessment
- How a nursing home implemented naloxone utilization
- Naloxone sample policies from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Opioid Stewardship Toolkit

[Click here to register.](#)

##### ***CGS Part A Training***

- June 10th – [Prior Authorization Updates and Findings](#)
- June 16th – [Avoiding Postpayment Cardiac Rehabilitation and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Denials](#)
- June 23rd – [Let's Talk About myCGS Forms!](#)
- June 23rd – [Provider Enrollment – Ask the Contractor Teleconference \(ACT\)](#)
- July 27th – [Using myCGS to Check Patient Eligibility](#)

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#### **NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS**

[BWC Air Quality Grants](#)  
**30 June 2021**

**QIO Naloxone BP**  
[June 17, 12:30 PM](#)

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