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Ohio News

ODM to use May Care Compare data in rate setting

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is currently working on the July 1 Medicaid reimbursement rates. According to ODM, as of last week there were still 12 providers that had to resubmit cost reports before they could complete the rates. ODM also noted that CMS updated the Care Compare data in late May. The update did change some providers' four quarter average for CY 2021, which is used in the Medicaid quality point calculation. The previous estimates provided by The Academy used the April data; it is unsure at this time how the new data will impact those estimates. We anticipate the July 1 rates to be released later this week. ([Back to top.](#))

State revenues continue to exceed expectations

According to [OBM's latest monthly report](#), state revenues remain strong heading into the last month of the state fiscal year. Non-auto sales tax, personal income tax, and commercial activity tax were all above estimates, by a total of \$113.1 million. Lower than expected disbursements of \$265.7 million pushed May further into the black. Lower property tax reimbursements and education expenditures were the drivers behind the under spending. Medicaid spending was \$7.7 million above estimates. OBM estimates that the unencumbered GRF fund balance at the end of this fiscal year will be \$2.75 billion. ([Back to top.](#))

Notes from the ODM provider meeting

ODM meets with long-term care representatives on a monthly basis. Below are the notes from last week's June meeting:

CMP projects update: The outdoor visitation project is nearing an end. The application portal has been closed and replaced with the indoor visitation project. There were 34 new outdoor visitation project applications totaling \$77 thousand. Providers have until June 30 to submit receipts for reimbursement. There have already been 33 applications approved for the indoor visitation project totaling \$95 thousand.

Post payment reviews: The FY2019 reviews still have 36 non-responses (27 NFs and 9 ICFs). Certified mailings are going out this week. If there is no response within 30 days, ODM will recoup the amount owed. ODM is currently in the process of FY2020 reviews. They expect them to go out sometime in the fourth quarter of this year.

LOC rules: The new LOC rules and integration into an electronic system (HENS) is currently on hold.

Direct care task force: ODM noted the creation of an inter-agency task force to address the direct work force shortage. ODM noted that they are looking for ideas in several areas such as regulatory barriers; however, reimbursement is not one of them. ODM is looking for "creative solutions" and believe outreach to a variety of consumers and providers can generate ideas outside of reimbursement. If you have any ideas on how to solve the direct care staffing shortage, [please contact The Academy](#) by June 16.

Next Gen managed care: The onsite visits to the plans have been completed. ODM could not provide information on claims processing and the fiscal intermediary. They understand that cash flow is a concern for providers and ODM will have contingency plans in place to ensure providers receive payments.

MCO meeting: ODM will be meeting with the MCOs to discuss patient liability and long-term care scenarios. ODM has also requested an other issues the LTC associations are having with the MCOs that they would like addressed at the meeting. If you have any concerns or ongoing problems with a managed care

company, [please contact The Academy](#) by June 17.

Transportation: ODM is aware providers continue to have trouble finding transportation providers. ODM noted there is a link on their website to help nursing home providers find transportation providers.

If you have a question or concern for ODM, [please let us know](#) and we will get it addressed at the next meeting in July. ([Back to top.](#))

Learning from the MDS exception reviews an ongoing process

A significant number of providers continue to have unfavorable MDS exception reviews. ODM reported of 36 reviews done in the latest round, 18 failed the review. Only one provider has requested reconsideration. ODM is working with the associations and ODH on how to improve the results. ODM released a document outlining the current concerns raised by the associations and ODM's response. ([Click here to view the document.](#)) ODM did note that their response is not an "official position" and that it is a working document; items can be added or removed and the information updated. Since the documents release, ODM has already had requests to add items such as ADL related assessment findings. In the monthly provider meeting, ODM iterated their commitment to more training and working with both ODH and the associations on the training. If you have had any questions or concerns related to an MDS exception review that is not covered in the document, [please contact The Academy](#) so we can request that it be added. ([Back to top.](#))



National News

CMS updates EP exercise exemption QSO-20-41

CMS recently updated [QSO-20-41](#), which provides for an exemption from the emergency preparedness exercise if a provider had to execute its EP. The document was revised to provide additional guidance and clarifications due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. [Please view the updated QSO for more information.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

MLN Connects Newsletter

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- [CMS National Quality Strategy: A Person-Centered Approach to Improving Quality](#)
- [Strategy to Strengthen Behavioral Health Care](#)
- [Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports for Short-Term Acute Care Hospitals](#)
- [Interns and Residents Information System \(IRIS\) XML Format](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Community: Help Address Disparities](#)

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- [Collaborative Patient Care is a Provider Partnership](#)

MLN Matters® Articles

- [Update to 'J' Drug Code List for Billing Home Infusion Therapy \(HIT\) Services](#)
- [July 2022 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System \(OPPS\)](#)

Publications

- [Medicare Preventive Services — Revised](#)

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

ODDS AND ENDS

IPRO QIN-QIO education opportunities

Join IPRO, Ohio's QIN-QIO, at noon on **Tuesday, June 14** for their webinar series: **From Booster Shots to Bouncing Back**. Employee recognition is not a one size fits all proposition. In this session, you'll discover the language of

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appreciation and hear practical ideas for effectively supporting your program and staff. Share some of the ways your organization expresses its appreciation of staff. The webinar will feature a brief presentation followed by Q & A, during which attendees may speak with IPRO experts. [Click here to register](#). Can't make it tomorrow? View the live replay on Wednesday at 3:30 PM. A live Q&A will follow the replay. [Click here to register](#).

And don't forget IP3 Office Hours: Infection Prevention for Infection Preventionists by an Infection Preventionist with Melanie Ronda, RN, IP, former NH Director of Nursing. **June 16 at 11 AM**. [Register for IP3 Office Hours here](#).

Finally, the next **Small Talk is June 16 at Noon**. Health Equity Organizational Assessment Knowledge Builders. All are welcome to join to learn the importance of using a self-reported methodology to collect demographic data and setting a target to collect REaL data for 95% of patients. [Register here](#).

Effective 19 July 2022

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