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Ohio News

ODM still accepting comments on MMC procurement

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is still accepting comments related to the next procurement of Medicaid Managed Care organizations. Gongwer news service reported last week that despite the deadline for ODM's request for information at the end of July, ODM has indicated that they continue to be open to feedback and any ideas on how to improve the system. A second request for information, more directed to possible vendors that will bid, will go out in the fall. If you have any ideas or changes you would like to see in the future of Medicaid managed care, [please contact The Academy](#). Please note that ODM has

indicated this procurement process is for the non-dual Medicaid managed care and not the MyCare Ohio program. ([Back to top.](#))

AGE reviewing NHQI rules

The Ohio Department of Aging notified The Academy that they were beginning the process of reviewing the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) rules that require a nursing facility to conduct an approved quality program. [The rules can be viewed here.](#) If you have any comments or suggestions, [please contact The Academy.](#)
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BELTSS adopts HSE license; rule changes

BELTSS is moving forward with the Health Services Executive (HSE) licensing that was recently enacted in HB 166. The HSE is a national standard that indicates a person holds a license in multiple areas of long-term care services and supports. As part of the process, BELTSS has proposed rule changes that, among other changes, incorporates HSE into the rules. From BLETSS: "Section 119.032 of the Revised Code requires the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports (BELTSS) to review the rules of Chapter 4751 of the Ohio Administrative Code no later than the rules' assigned review dates. The rules regulate BELTSS. BELTSS is proposing to modify OAC 4751-1-03, 4751-1-05, 4751-1-10, 4751-1-10.1, 4751-1-10.3, 4751-1-11, 4751-1-12, 4751-1-13, 4751-1-15, 4751-1-16, and 4751-1-17 as well as propose a new rule, 4751-1-10.2. Please see the website at www.beltss.ohio.gov under the link "rule changes" for the proposed changes. The early stakeholder outreach period will end on August 12, 2019. Any person may direct written comments or requests for information concerning BELTSS' rule proposals to Deborah Veley, Executive Director of BELTSS on or before the end of the public comment period by writing to dveley@age.ohio.gov." ([Back to top.](#))

Mark your calendar: ASHS/OANAC Fall Conference Nov 19 and 20

The 2019 ASHS/OANAC Fall Conference and Annual Meeting will be held November 19 and 20 in Columbus, OH. Normally we would be opening registration to the conference soon, but because the dates of the conference are a little later than usual, we will be opening registration a bit later in the year, also. So mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information in the near future! ([Back to top.](#))



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National News

SNF market basket 2.4%; VBP, QRP changes

From CMS: "On July 30, CMS issued a final rule for FY 2020 Medicare payment rates and quality programs for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs). CMS projects aggregate payments to SNFs will increase by \$851 million, or 2.4 percent, for FY 2020 compared to FY 2019. This estimated increase is attributable to a 2.8 percent market basket increase factor with a 0.4 percentage point reduction for the multifactor productivity adjustment.

The final rule also includes:

- Payment policy
- Sub-regulatory process for ICD-10 code revisions
- Align group therapy definitions with other post-acute care settings
- SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program policy changes
- SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

For More Information:

- [Final Rule](#)
- [SNF PPS](#) website
- [SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage
- [SNF VBP](#) Program website

See the full text of this excerpted [CMS Fact Sheet](#) (Issued July 30)."

PAC QRP: Reporting deadline is August 15

From CMS: "The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH), and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Programs is approaching.

- IRF-PAI and LTCH CARE Data Set assessment data and data submitted to CMS via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for January 1 – March 31 (Q1) of calendar year (CY) 2019 are due with this submission deadline.
- MDS data for January 1 – March 31 (Q1) of calendar year (CY) 2019 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 15, 2019. The list of measures required for this deadline is found on the CMS QRP websites:

- [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#)
- [LTCH Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#)
- [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#)

As a reminder, it is recommended that providers run applicable CASPER/iQIES/NHSN analysis reports prior to each quarterly reporting deadline, in order to ensure that all required data has been submitted.

CORMAC sends informational messages to IRFs, LTCHs, and SNFs that are not meeting APU thresholds on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadlines. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@cormac-corp.com and be sure to include your facility name and CMS Certification Number (CCN) along with any requested email updates." ([Back to top.](#))

CMS MLN Connects

News

- [SNF: FY 2020 Payment and Policy Changes](#)
- [IPF: FY 2020 Payment and Quality Reporting Updates](#)
- [Protect Your Patients' Identities: Use the MBI Now](#)
- [CMS Advances MyHealthEData with New Pilot to Support Clinicians](#)
- [Reducing Administrative Burden: Comment by August 12](#)
- [Medicare Coverage for Treatment Services Furnished by Opioid Treatment Programs](#)
- [Open Payments Program Expansion](#)
- [Improve Accessibility of Care for People with Disabilities: New Resources](#)
- [Part A Providers: Formal Telephone Discussion Demonstration](#)
- [July – September Quarterly Provider Update](#)
- [Disaster Preparedness Resources](#)
- [Vaccines Are Not Just for Kids](#)

Compliance

- [DMEPOS: Bill Correctly for Items Provided During Inpatient Stays](#)

Events

- [Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model Application Tutorial Webinar – August 8](#)
- [Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics Listening Session – August 12](#)
- [IRF Appeals Settlement Initiative Call – August 13](#)
- [OPPS and ASC Proposed Rule Listening Session – August 14](#)
- [ESRD Quality Incentive Program: CY 2020 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule Call – August 20](#)
- [Home Health Patient-Driven Groupings Model: Operational Issues Call – August 21](#)
- [Understanding Your SNF VBP Program Performance Score Report Call – August 27](#)

MLN Matters® Articles

- [Appropriate Use Criteria \(AUC\) for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging – Educational and Operations Testing Period – Claims Processing Requirements](#)
- [New Waived Tests](#)
- [Documentation of Medical Necessity of the Home Visit; and Physician Management Associated with Superficial Radiation Treatment – Revised](#)

Publications

- [Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Billing](#)
- [Provider Compliance Tips for Glucose Monitors and Diabetic Accessories/Supplies – Revised](#)

Multimedia

- [Quality Payment Program Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\): Cost Performance Category in 2019 Web-Based Training Course – Revised](#)
- [Quality Payment Program 2019 Overview Web-Based Training Course – Revised](#)
- [Quality Payment Program Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\): Quality Performance Category in 2019 Web-Based Training Course – Revised](#)
- [Quality Payment Program Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\): Improvement Activities in 2019 Web-Based Training Course – Revised](#)

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CMS releases three proposed rules

Last week CMS released three proposed rules related to payments:

- [PFS: Proposed Policy, Payment, and Quality Provisions Changes for CY 2020](#)
- [Medicare OPPS and ASC Payment System CY 2020 Proposed Rule](#)
- [ESRD and DMEPOS CY 2020 Proposed Rule](#)

Please click the rule above to learn more about the changes, including how to comment.

CMS looking for focus group participants for Hospice PAI

From CMS: "CMS is currently recruiting experienced hospice providers and clinicians to participate in focus groups to discuss and provide input as we develop a hospice patient assessment tool. All interested participants will be considered based on their hospice role, knowledge, and experience with the Hospice Quality Reporting Program or completing patient assessments. Selection will take into account hospice type and location to ensure a nationally balanced representation of diverse hospices. The complete, detailed Recruitment Announcement with the link for completing the Focus Group Application is posted in the Downloads section of the [Hospice QRP Provider Engagement Opportunities webpage](#). Those interested in participating, please [CLICK HERE to complete the Focus Group Application](#). Please respond by August 26, 2019. If you have general questions about the focus groups and would like to contact CMS, please email Cindy Massuda, CMS' Hospice Quality Reporting Program Coordinator, at Cindy.Massuda@cms.hhs.gov."

NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS

[CMS SNF QRP "Train the Trainer" Training](#)

August 13 and 14
Baltimore, MD or Webinar

[BELTSS Workforce Survey Closes](#)

August 12

[QRP Non-Compliance Response Deadline](#)

August 15

[IRF/LTCH/SNF QRP Submission Deadline](#)

August 15

[PDPM Implementation](#)

Effective October 1

ASHS/OANAC Fall Conference

November 19 and 20
Columbus, OH

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