

The Academy Weekly

News & Information for LTC Providers



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No *Weekly* next week, October 26. We will be at our fall conference. The *Weekly* will return the following week with a slightly new look!



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Ohio News

1. ODM to use Provider Gateway for 9401s

The Ohio Department of Medicaid announced this week that they will be contracting to use Provider Gateway to facilitate the processing of Form 9401. Provider Gateway is software that allows nursing home providers and County Jobs and Family Services to communicate about the form. It is currently in use in about a dozen counties and by about 350 nursing homes, including the larger metropolitan areas. ODM anticipates moving to Provider Gateway will reduce delays in the processing of 9401s and create a documentation trail for the form's

submission and subsequent communications. The move to Provider Gateway will not impact the current PL situation as 9401s are no longer used to communicate those amounts. ODM anticipates implementing the move to Provider Gateway in January of 2019. [\(back to top\)](#)

2. Notes from the ODM provider meeting

The Academy, along with other LTC associations, meet monthly with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. Below are notes from this month's meeting:

Rules update: The vent weaning rules are still in the rule making process. ODM anticipates filing them soon for an effective date of early January 2019. The related forms for the vent weaning program are waiting final approval. A rule package with various NF changes is still under CSI review. The most significant change in that rule package is language clarifying how an entering operator's rate is to be determined after a CHOP. ODM is also opening the rules for the cost report chart of accounts and both SNF and ICF/IID cost reports. It was noted in the meeting that the cost report itself does not need a rule to be changed. ODM is willing to consider changes to the cost report such as how MA days are reported.

Prior authorization: A DME Medicaid prior authorization presentation was given to the group. The presentation covered how the process worked, denial codes, and exceptions for Medicaid individuals under 18 years of age. Mark Rogers from ODM stressed the importance of telling a story. He suggested that in many cases the information given on the CME forms does not provide a full enough picture for the authorization. It was also noted that the most up to date supply lists are found on ODM's website. These lists should be viewed carefully as a code may be listed more than once and just because there is a "N/A" for maximum payment does not necessarily mean it is not available for Medicaid recipients. It was also noted that custom wheelchairs are not part of the NH Medicaid per diem. Furthermore, repairs are possible for custom wheelchairs even if it is within the normal lifespan of the product. Mr. Rodgers stressed again relaying the importance of the repair in the PA request. [You can download the presentation by clicking here.](#)

Exception reviews: ODM is a few weeks into the next round of exception reviews. There is only one reviewer, so it will be at a much slower pace. Early results suggest similar trends to the last round of reviews. The Quadriplegia issue was raised again and it was noted that the change in the RAI manual did not take place until October 1, 2018 and the current review is for records dating before that time.

NF billing training update: ODM provided an update on the recent billing training. About 33 facilities were represented by 54 in person attendees and 72 via the web. [Providers are reminded that the training materials are available on ODM's website.](#)

If you have a question or issue you would like addressed at the provider meeting, [please contact The Academy.](#) [\(back to top\)](#)

3. Free Eden training opportunity to reduce antipsychotic use

From the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office: "Ohio nursing home employees have the opportunity to transform quality of care and quality of life for people living with dementia. A grant-funded partnership between The Eden Alternative® and the Ohio Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman seeks to help reduce antipsychotic use through non-pharmacological, person-directed practices. Funds will support the delivery of a unique educational package, including Dementia Beyond Drugs, an Eden Alternative training co-developed with award-winning author and geriatrician Dr. Al Power. The goal of this 2-day educational event is to shift the focus of dementia care from managing so-called "difficult behaviors" to, instead, identifying and responding to the unmet needs that are typically their underlying cause. Gone unchecked, unmet needs can lead to distress and the subsequent overuse of antipsychotic medications for those who live with dementia.

Up to 100 nursing homes in Ohio will combine Dementia Beyond Drugs training with two other educational offerings. The second, Reframing Dementia: Train the Change Agent, involves the provision of a turnkey training kit that participants can use over time back in their organizations. Participants also learn training and facilitation skills that prepare them to deliver the training with confidence. The third educational experience is the Care Partner Workshop, an online training also developed by The Eden Alternative. This interactive, team-based training will engage family members, side-by-side with nursing home employees, to strengthen care partnerships and overall well-being on the team, as a way to collaboratively respond to the needs of people living with dementia. According to 2017 data from the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes,

Ohio currently ranks as #33 in the country in terms of reducing antipsychotic medications. To receive fully-funded registration privileges, you must be an employee of a Medicare and/or Medicaid participating nursing home. This project will meet the licensure requirement that Ohio nursing homes must participate in at least one nursing home quality improvement project approved by the Ohio Department of Aging every two years.

To learn more and to register, click here: <https://2dff35.campgn4.com/Creating-a-Culture-of-PersonDirected-Dementia-Care-in-Ohio>

Join a FREE 1-hour informational webinar about the project on November 1. Register by clicking here: <https://edenalt.zoom.us/meeting/register/9e15eb31ecb5971e34538d7d4481ef37>

Project space is limited." ([back to top](#))

4. Last day to register for the ASHS/OANC Fall Conference

Time is running out to register for the 2018 ASHS/OANAC Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, October 25 and 26 in Columbus, Ohio! [Register today by clicking here before registration closes October 20.](#) WSubject matter experts will be on hand to present on all the latest topics in LTC - MDS update, new Medicare payment mechanism, quality measures, legal updates and more! [View the online agenda by clicking here.](#) But you need to register by October 20. [Don't wait! Click here to register and learn more about the conference!](#) ([back to top](#))



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National News

5. CMS proposes drug pricing in ads

As part of CMS's ongoing efforts to empower patients and lower prescription drug prices, the agency recently proposed rules to require that prescription drug manufacturers post the Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) for drugs covered in Medicare or Medicaid in direct-to-consumer television advertisements. According to CMS, "the proposed rule would work to inject greater transparency into the prices prescription drug manufacturers set and would give beneficiaries important information they need to make informed decisions based on cost, while concurrently providing a moderating force to counteract price increases." [For more information, please see the HHS policy brief by clicking here.](#) ([Back to Top](#))

6. CMS announces Part A and B premiums and deductibles

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the 2019 premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts for Medicare Parts A and B. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$135.50 for 2019, a slight increase from \$134 in 2018. The annual deductible for Medicare Part B beneficiaries is \$185 in 2019, an increase from \$183 in 2018. For beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities, the daily Part A coinsurance for days 21 through 100 of extended care services in a benefit period will be \$170.50 in 2019 (\$167.50 in 2018). [For more information, please see the CMS fact sheet by clicking here.](#) ([Back to Top](#))

7. New Medicare cards heading to Ohio residents

CMS has announced that it has started to send Ohio Medicare recipients new cards with their new MBI. To ensure that people with Medicare continue to get care, providers can use either the former Social Security number-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) or the new alpha-numeric Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) for all Medicare transactions through December 31, 2019. [More information about the new cards is available on CMS's website by clicking here.](#) [\(Back to Top\)](#)

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