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House moves forward with gun, heartbeat bills

The start of the lame duck session was anything but lame. The House of Representatives moved two controversial bills to the Senate this week. The first, known as the "stand your ground" bill, would essentially remove the requirement that a person attempt to retreat prior to using a weapon in self-defense. It would also make other changes such as no longer requiring the posting of gun-free zones at schools and other public places. Governor Kasich is expected to veto the bill should it pass the Senate; however, the vote in the House was enough to override a veto if necessary. The "heartbeat" bill would ban abortions on fetus with a detectable heartbeat. The bill would not allow an exception for rape or incest. Both

bills head to the Senate.

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Access to peer review removed from H.B. 7

House Bill 7, Medical Provider Immunity, was heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. The bill contained language that would have allowed health inspectors to review peer review committee documents so long as personal identifying information was removed. The review of the documents would have had to occur on sight and copies of the documents would not have been allowed. The Academy had concerns that this would have undermined the peer review committee process of improving the quality of care provided at nursing homes. The committee amended the bill this week to remove that language. We will continue to track the bill.

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Mercy and OSU Hospitals create affiliation agreement

Two large hospital systems in Cincinnati and Columbus have agreed to collaborate in multiple areas. [The Columbus Dispatch reported November 14](#) that Cincinnati Mercy Health and Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center will be working together to tackle some of Ohio's most pressing health care issues. While that may be the initial impetus for the affiliation, the article describes an even more deeper relationship. Bob Mackle, spokesperson for Wexner, is quoted about financial benefits "is that our two systems will be working to optimize services and operations, including supply chain management and other business functions." Other collaborations include access for Wexner's medical students at Mercy hospitals and Mercy patient access to clinical trials being done at Wexner. Hospitals have become increasingly involved in post-acute care. The potential collaboration between large hospital systems could significantly disrupt the PAC market.

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National News

CMS to allow more MH inpatient treatment in IMDs

CMS announced this week that it will allow states to request a Medicaid waiver for a demonstration program for Medicaid to use federal funds to cover short-term behavioral health treatment in institutions for mental disorders, or IMDs. IMDs are institutions with 16 or more beds that provide services individuals with serious mental illness (SMI). IMDs

decreased in number as they were considered places to permanently isolate from society and federal dollars were not allowed to pay for services. Residential treatment facilities and some nursing homes attempted to fill the gap in care for Medicaid beneficiaries. In recognizing the dearth of options available to people with SMI under many state Medicaid programs, CMS is allowing states to provide short-term services in IMDs in a demonstration program. The demonstration program would have to improve community based options for individuals with mental illness and be cost neutral to the federal government.

[More information from CMS is available by clicking here.](#)

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CMS MLN Connects

News & Announcements

- [Patients Over Paperwork November Newsletter](#)
- [Quality Payment Program Year 1 Performance Results](#)
- [Quality Payment Program: Participation Status Tool Updated](#)
- [Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Quarterly Update Document](#)
- [Hospices: 4.5 Month Data Correction Deadline for Public Reporting](#)
- [Hospice Item Set Freeze Date: November 15](#)
- [CMS Health Equity Awards: Submit Nominations by December 7](#)
- [Physicians: Documentation of Artificial Limbs and Braces](#)
- [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Become a Medicare Enrolled Supplier](#)
- [Recognizing Lung Cancer Awareness Month and the Great American Smokeout](#)

Provider Compliance

- [Cochlear Devices Replaced Without Cost: Bill Correctly — Reminder](#)

Claims, Pricers & Codes

- [DME: Denial of Serial Claims](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics Call — November 19](#)

[Medicare Learning Network® Publications & Multimedia](#)

- [Implementation of HCPCS Code J3591 and Changes for ESRD Claims MLN Matters Article — New](#)
- [DMEPOS Update MLN Matters Article — New](#)
- [Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates: 2019 Update MLN Matters Article — New](#)
- [MCR eF MLN Matters Article — Revised](#)
- [ICD-10 and Other Coding Revisions to NCDs MLN Matters Article — Revised](#)
- [Certifying Patients for the Medicare Home Health Benefit MLN Matters Article — Revised](#)
- [Certificate of Medical Necessity Web-Based Training Course — Revised](#)
- [Medicare Part B Immunization Billing Educational Tool — Revised](#)

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DODD looking for ICF-IID providers to test 2018 ACR software

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is looking for ICF/IID providers to test the 2018 automated cost report (ACR) software. [Please contact The Academy if you are interested.](#)

Recording of free Eden dementia QI program available

A recording of the recent webinar on the Eden dementia training QI program is now available by clicking here: <https://edenalt.sharefile.com/d-s72ff8e6e66f45e99> For more information on the program, including how to register, please click here: <https://2dff35.campgn4.com/Creating-a-Culture-of-PersonDirected-Dementia-Care-in-Ohio>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[MDS 2-day Training From ATC](#)

November 28 and 29
 Alliance, OH

[Click here to view CGS training events](#)

[ODH LTC Provider Meeting](#)

December 06

[CMS Region V Provider Meeting](#)

December 13 and 14

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