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Ohio News

Medicaid establishes PL discrepancy process

From ODM: "The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has developed a temporary process effective 1/1/19 to assist the MyCare Ohio Plans (MCOP) and Ohio Medicaid Providers when there is a patient liability discrepancy. Providers will follow their current process to dispute patient liability discrepancies. If the discrepancy is not resolved with the MCOP, the plan will then complete a patient liability discrepancy template and email it to ODM. ODM will then research the patient liability and communicate the correct patient liability to the MCOP and the provider. Plans are expected to make any

required adjustment to the claim within 30 calendar days from ODM sending them the accurate patient liability." The concern about this process is that the responsibility for resolving the discrepancy lies with the MCOP and not the provider. Given the past history of MCOPs having difficulty paying claims, there is some skepticism that they will be able to follow the process. ([Back to top.](#))

GA keeps lame duck going; Kasich vetoes gun bill

The currently General Assembly is not ready to call it quits, yet. The chamber continued to clear its docket this week, sending several bills to the governor's desk for his signature. Below is a list of bills related to health care that the governor recently signed:

HB 286 Palliative Care

The bill creates the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and a related education program. It also requires health care facilities, including nursing homes, to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care. ODH is to create a resource of palliative care information that can be shared with potential residents. The bill was also amended to allow county homes to transfer beds to a contiguous county.

SB 259 Physician Assistants

Among other changes, the bill Increases to five (from three) the number of physician assistants (PA) a physician may supervise at any one time. It also eliminates the State Medical Board's authority to adopt a drug formulary for PAs and permits a PA to delegate to another person the task of administering a drug only if the PA is authorized to prescribe that drug.

HB 131 Physical Therapists

Among other changes, the bill specifies that physical therapy includes the evaluation of a person to determine all of the following: (1) A physical therapy diagnosis to treat a person's physical impairments, functional limitations, and physical disabilities; (2) A prognosis; (3) A plan of therapeutic intervention. "Physical therapy diagnosis" is defined by the bill as a judgment made after examining the neuromusculoskeletal system or evaluating or studying its symptoms and that uses physical therapy techniques and science to establish a plan of therapeutic intervention. The bill specifies that a physical therapy diagnosis does not include a medical diagnosis.

In related news, Governor Kasich vetoed the latest gun bill. The Governor noted that the bill did not contain the "red flag" language that would allow a judge to prevent a potentially dangerous person from possessing a gun. He also questioned the timing of the bill - during a lame duck session. The General Assembly has sessions scheduled for later next week. While the bill passed each chamber with enough votes to make a veto override a possibility, it is uncertain if enough legislators would attend next week's sessions for an override. ([Back to top.](#))

9401s processed via ProviderGateway - register today!

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has purchased a statewide subscription to ProviderGateway to facilitate the electronic processing of Nursing Facility (NF) admissions and discharges, as well as certain changes pertaining to a NF resident. This online service will enable all Medicaid nursing facility

providers in the state of Ohio as well as all 88 County Departments of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) and PASSPORT Administrative Agencies (PAA) to process the ODM 9401 and ODM 10203 forms electronically.

Nursing facilities not already using ProviderGateway will be required to register their facility on the portal and await account activation. Nursing facilities can start using the service as soon as their facilities are registered. A Primary Contact should be designated to register the facility at the ProviderGateway service portal website. Please be prepared with EIN and Medicaid Provider number. Access may be approved within 5 business days after a brief check on registration information. An ODM 7078 Code of Responsibility form is required for all facilities, including current ProviderGateway users. The ProviderGateway portal enables easy uploading of the signed and scanned ODM 7078 forms as new users are added to a facility's account. Once registered, users that have attended orientation and ProviderGateway training webinars (or have viewed the training videos provided on the website) will be able to submit transactions. ProviderGateway-LTC™ Service Portal address: <https://ltcmedicaid.providergateway.com>
Please access the Getting Started tab on the website to review overview material, training schedules and detailed instructions for gaining access to the service.

Timeline:

1. Registration – December 2018 through January 31, 2019
2. Primary Contacts add users at nursing facilities (as soon as registration is approved). Must execute ODM 07078 form
3. Orientation Webinars – Offered continuously beginning December 18, 2018; schedules are found on the Getting Started tab
4. Training Videos – Available after registration and confirmation of nursing facility accounts
- 5. Deadline for nursing facility registration – February 1, 2019**

If you have any questions, concerns or require set up assistance, please contact the ProviderGateway-LTC™ Services at Parthenon Globalsystems, LLC. support desk at support@providergateway.com. ([Back to top.](#))

ODM releases report card of Medicaid MCOs

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has a five-star rating system for the Medicaid managed care organizations. The rating system looks at five different areas: Getting Care, Doctors' Communication and Service, Keeping Kids Healthy, Living with Illness, and Women's Health. The ratings are to help beneficiaries select a plan. Buckeye Health Plan was the only MCO to receive 5 stars in more than one category. Buckeye did not receive any rating below 3 stars. Paramount Advantage was the other MCO to receive a 5 star rating. CareSource had the lone 1 star rating, while both UHC and Molina failed to receive more than 3 stars in any category. [Please click here to view the report card.](#) ([Back to top.](#))



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News from CGS

From CGS: "January 2019 Release "Dark" Days for the Common Working File (CWF) Hosts

To accommodate the anticipated duration of the January 2019 release, and to ensure the completion of weekly/monthly/quarterly processing, the Common Working File (CWF) will not process claims beginning Friday, January 4, 2019 through Sunday, January 6, 2019. [Read more...](#)

Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) Direct Data Entry (DDE) Screen Changes

The January 2019 quarterly system release, which will be implemented on January 7, 2019, includes changes to the following FISS DDE screens. In addition, the following chapters of the [Part A DDE User Manual/Reference Guide](#) and the home health and hospice [FISS DDE Guide](#) have been updated to reflect these changes. [Read more...](#)

Claim Processing Issue Log Update: [The issue with Reason Code 36342 has been updated](#)"

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CMS releases change package for harm prevention

From CMS: "One-third of SNF residents experience an adverse or temporary harm event, and the majority of those are preventable. As part of CMS's focus on raising awareness of nursing home safety and to support safer nursing home care across the nation, CMS and the Quality Innovation Network National Coordinating Center released a new resource: a Change Package to prevent all cause harm in nursing homes. The Change Package is a compendium of successful practices of high-performing nursing homes, illustrating how they prevent harm while honoring each resident's rights and preferences.

Please join us to learn more about the development of the Change Package and how you can use it to improve the quality of life and quality of care for those living in nursing homes and other long-term care settings.

REGISTER for the event:

<https://qualitynet.webex.com/qualitynet/onstage/g.php?MTID=efe52a812df425e04d326423a2bae4cb7>

GET the Change Package:

<https://qioprogram.org/all-cause-harm-prevention-nursing-homes>"

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CMS MLN Connects

News & Announcements

- [Opioids Training Modules](#)
- [Open Payments: Review Program Year 2017 Data through December 31](#)
- [QRURs and PQRS Feedback Reports: Access Ends December 31](#)
- [LTCH Provider Preview Reports: Review Your Data by January 2](#)
- [IRF Provider Preview Reports: Review Your Data by January 2](#)
- [Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission Measure: Voluntary Reporting Extended to January 4](#)
- [LTCH Compare Refresh](#)
- [IRF Compare Refresh](#)
- [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Become a Medicare Enrolled Supplier](#)
- [CY 2018 eCQM Data Receiving System Edits Document](#)

Provider Compliance

- [Billing for Stem Cell Transplants – Reminder](#)

Upcoming Events

- [ESRD Quality Incentive Program: CY 2019 ESRD PPS Final Rule Call – January 15](#)
- [Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories to Collect and Report Private Payor Rates Call –January 22](#)

Medicare Learning Network® Publications & Multimedia

- [DMEPOS Fee Schedule: CY 2019 Update MLN Matters Article – New](#)
- [Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Benefit Policy Manual Update MLN Matters Article – New](#)
- [Next Generation Sequencing NCD MLN Matters Article – New](#)
- [Physician Supervision of Diagnostic Procedures, Telehealth Services MLN Matters Article – New](#)
- [RHC and FQHC Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Update MLN Matters Article – New](#)

- [Hurricane Florence and Medicare Disaster Related North Carolina, South Carolina, and the Commonwealth of Virginia Claims MLN Matters Article — Updated](#)
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ODDS AND ENDS

Sears leaves ODM, Tassie interim Director

ODM Director Barbara Sears will be leaving her post on December 31. Current Assistant Director Jim Tassie will be the interim Director. The DeWine administration has not yet announced who will be ODM Director once the transition occurs January 14.

Miss our CMS Region V Provider Meeting Weekly newsletter?

A special edition of *The Weekly* ran this week that contained notes from the CMS Region V Provider Meeting. Every year the SNF trade associations meet with CMS Region V survey and certification staff to discuss the biggest survey and cert issues impacting the industry. [Click here to read *The Weekly* special edition.](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Nine Steps to PDPM](#)

Starts January 22
9 Webinars

Academy Discount Available!

[CMS all-cause harm prevention webinar](#)

Thursday, January 24

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