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Governor Mike DeWine signed an executive order that has ODM rules 5160-3-80 and 5160-9-05 effective December 23, 2020. ([Click here to view the order.](#)) OAC 5160-3-80 are the HCIC rules which describe HCICs and their responsibilities and enhanced reimbursement. [View 5160-3-80 here.](#) OAC 5160-9-05 is a pharmacy Medicaid reimbursement rule. Normally, the cost of administering a vaccine in a nursing home is reimbursed through the per diem rate. The rule carves-out the COVID vaccine and allows for separate billing of the COVID vaccine when administered by long-term care facilities. [Please click here to view the rule.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

ICF-IID LOC redetermination reminder

The Department of Developmental Disabilities has finished the process of completing Level of Care (LOC) redeterminations for individuals through 12/31/2020. **All LOC redeterminations that are due on or after 1/1/2021 will be the responsibility of the county boards, DCs, and ICFs.** Please make sure that you are routinely checking the LOC span end dates of the individuals

you serve to ensure that there will be no issues with the transition back to completing this process.

During the ongoing public health emergency, current LOC must be maintained for all individuals, even if they no longer meet LOC. For individuals who do not meet LOC, counties should follow their normal process (document in ISP, submit to DODD, etc.). DODD is holding all submissions until the public health emergency status is lifted by the department of Health and Human Services.

If you have any questions relating to this communication, please send an email to loc@dodd.ohio.gov.

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DODD looking for ICF providers to test new claims system

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is seeking a few ICF providers to test their new claims system. If you are interested, please [contact The Academy](#) as soon as possible.

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Ohio vaccine provider weekly update

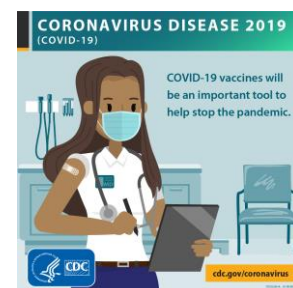
Please find the latest [Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness Office Weekly Update](#) by [clicking here](#). [\(Back to top.\)](#)

Jan 1, 2021 SNF Medicaid rates

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has released the Jan 1, 2021 SNF Medicaid rates. Providers will be able to access their rate package documents via the provider portal later this week. [Please click here for an excel spreadsheet of the rates](#). [\(Back to top.\)](#)

Ohio National Guard waiver

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services granted the Ohio National Guard a waiver that will allow them to help administer the COVID-19 vaccine. The waiver gives the Ohio National Guard the flexibility to fully utilize National Guard medical personnel trained in administering the vaccine. The Ohio National Guard has approximately 600 members who are medical personnel, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and medics. Ohio is working to determine how it will best utilize Guard medical personnel without adversely affecting Ohio health care systems' critical



medical resources by removing Guard members from their civilian medical positions.

***CMS Fireside Chat on COVID vaccines TODAY
at 4 PM***

Join The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The American Health Care Association (AHCA) for a fireside chat on vaccine safety. This discussion kicks-off a special series, as a part of the CMS National Nursing Home Stakeholder Call Series, aimed at addressing staff questions and concerns about the new COVID-19 vaccines . Each session will be moderated by CMS with speakers from CDC and representatives of front line staff and providers.

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020 4:00 PM-4:45 PM
(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).**

Registration Required:

https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wjY2jd-2Rxi7zDMLlKeopw

The initial call will address myths surrounding vaccine danger with the following panelist:

- Dr. Lee Fleisher, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CMS)
- Dr. Amanda Cohn, Chief Medical Officer (Acting), Office of Vaccine Policy, Preparedness, and Global Health, Office of the Director (CDC)
- Dr. David Gifford, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Health Policy Evaluation in LTC (ACHA)

Preparing for the call:

- Would you like to submit questions for the panel to discuss? Questions can be sent to COVID-19@cms.hhs.gov. There will not be a Q&A session during the call.
- Resource: Long term Care toolkit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/index.html>

Target Audience:

Nursing Home Frontline staff, Chief Nursing Officers

Register in advance for this webinar (After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar):

https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wjY2jd-2Rxi7zDMLlKe9pw

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