

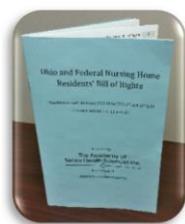
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Ohio News

1. MLTSS committee gets to work addressing merits of managed care

The Long-Term Services and Supports Study Committee: Person-Centered Medicaid Managed Care met for the first of four times this week. The committee is tasked with determining the merits of moving Medicaid LTSS into managed care. The meeting kicked-off with Tim Engelhardt providing a national overview of MLTSS and its slow growth across the nation. Over 20 states have some form of MLTSS in place including many using the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. (MyCare Ohio.) Mr. Engelhardt also noted the high consumer satisfaction associated with managed care and presented survey data to that effect. It was noted that the survey information was not necessarily related to LTSS and was the same survey done for all managed care consumers. ODM followed with a presentation on its vision of MLTSS. ODM noted the following advantages for individuals enrolled in MLTSS: care coordination, individuals more choice, increased value, improved quality and outcomes, increased accountability, and increased sustainability. ODM also provided data showing an increase in the decline of nursing home utilization under MyCare Medicaid beneficiaries than fee for service, resulting in reduce expenditures on LTSS. The Academy noted that we would like to see those savings reinvested into the system by paying more for quality and using the dollars for innovative payment arrangements. Office of Health Transformation Dir. Moody ended the meeting by saying the chart showing a decline in nursing home use is seen as an opportunity for some providers and is feared by others, yet a benefit for consumers. The next

meeting will take place some time in April. The committee will be presented with more data on MLTSS and MyCare Ohio. ([back to top](#))

2.ICF/IID reimbursement formula nears completion

The workgroup assigned to develop the latest ICF/IID reimbursement formula is close to finishing its work. The workgroup met this week to review a compromise proposal that changes the weights for the DDP and creates more acuity groupings to address concerns regarding the "overweighting" of medical acuity and the "underweighting" of behavioral needs. The resulting formula would still significantly increase rates to providers that treat individuals with high needs; however, not as much at the expense of other providers. When including the FRV formula and looking at total rate impacts, the new formula as proposed by the administration would only negatively impact 84 providers. The proposed transition would freeze provider rates at the current level if they are to receive a reduction while capping rate increases to the providers whose revenue is 5 percent or more over reported costs. The workgroup is to review the proposal with the goal of reaching consensus in early February. ([Back to top](#))

3. Palliative care bill heard in Senate Committee

The Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee met this week and heard sponsor testimony on H.B. 286. The bill that would create an advisory council for Palliative care and also require nursing homes and other LTSS providers to inform consumers of the availability of palliative care. An amendment to the bill was accepted by the committee that made a change to the composition of the council and what palliative services a hospice company can provide to non-hospice patients. In other legislative news related to LTCSS, the voyeurism bill that would prohibit the use of an image of a nursing home resident without written consent, including what that image is to be used for, is scheduled for a hearing next week in the Senate Judiciary Committee. ([back to top](#))

4. State Fire Marshall to offer training on updated fire code

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal will be holding a series of six, day-long, FREE training courses throughout the state regarding the new 2017 Ohio Fire Code (OFC), which became effective December 15, 2017. These courses will be open to the public and will focus on new code enforcement processes, updated special provisions of the OFC and important national model code changes that are incorporated into the 2017 OFC. The live, interactive seminars will begin at 9:00 a.m. (with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.) and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. as follows:

Central: Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Division of State Fire Marshal
Multipurpose Room
8895 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Northwest: Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Owens Community College, Findlay Campus
Multipurpose Room (117)
3200 Bright Road
Findlay, OH 45840

Southeast: Thursday, March 22, 2018
Hocking College, Nelsonville Campus
Student Center Multiplex
3301 Hocking Parkway
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Northeast: Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) – Parma
Western Campus Theater
1100 Pleasant Valley Road
Parma, OH 44130

Southwest: Thursday, March 29, 2018
Miami University, Middletown Campus
Dave Finkelman Auditorium
4200 North University Boulevard
Middletown, OH 45042

Central: Friday, April 13, 2018
Division of State Fire Marshal
Multipurpose Room
8895 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

NOTE: Each day-long seminar will cover the same content; there is no need to attend multiple sessions unless an attendee wishes to do so. Online training mirroring these courses will be available mid- to late Spring 2018, and will be posted on the Ohio Fire Academy's 24/7 platform.

The State Fire Marshall's office encourages you to register for one of these in-person sessions on the Ohio Fire Academy's registration site. Another notice will be sent when those registration pages are available. Until then, please mark your calendars.

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Federal News

5. Alzheimer's Association releases dementia care recommendations

The Alzheimer's Association recently released updated dementia care recommendations. [The recommendations can be found on their website by clicking here.](#) The recommendations remain person centered focused and contain 56 recommendations in total. As noted on the website, "The 2018 Dementia Care Practice Recommendations were developed to better define quality care across all care settings and throughout the disease course. They are intended for professional care providers who work with individuals living with dementia and their families in residential and community based care settings." The Ohio Task Force on Dementia Care used the Alzheimer's Association recommendations as a guiding principle during discussions. Please see the website for more information and to view the recommendations and supportive documentation. [\(back to top\)](#)

6. CMS MLN Connects Provider eNews

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