

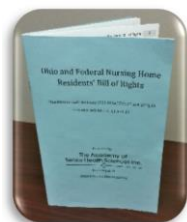
# The Academy Weekly

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## Ohio News

### 1. ODM releases SNF rate quality point information

The Ohio Department of Medicaid released information on the quality points used to determine the quality add-on for SNF reimbursement. According to the Department, the following benchmarks were used. The number of facilities earning a point for that measure is in brackets.

1. Pressure ulcers (SS 25th % = 0.0000, LS 25th % = 0.0284) [77]
2. Antipsychotic medication use rate (SS 25th % = 0.0080, LS 25th % = 0.1071) [66]
3. Avoidable inpatient hospital admissions [all given - 909]
4. Employee retention rate (>=75%) [681]
5. Preferences for everyday living inventory (PELI) (Yes response on CR) [887]

Each point was worth \$0.64.

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### 2. ICF-IID reimbursement workgroup focuses on FRV

The workgroup charged with finalizing the new Medicaid reimbursement formula for ICF-IIDs met this week to review the Fair Rental Value (FRV) methodology proposed to determine the capital portion of the rate. The

group reviewed the proposed capital rate results of the methodology and current capital rates. Concerns were raised at the re-distributive effect of FRV, including 68 facilities that would see a reduction of more than \$10 a day and 6 that would see a reduction of \$20 or more compared to the current methodology. A number of reasons were postulated as to why FRV was re-distributive, including owners making more capital investments than renters, current lease arrangements, and even the quality or availability of the data. Other concerns raised at the meeting included the \$4,000 per bed equipment allowance and the need to look at how non-extensive renovations impact rates in both methodologies. DODD noted that about \$500,000 needs to be removed from the capital rates to maintain budget neutrality. The workgroup will continue to look at the rates and determine how to reduce rates and possibly limit the re-distributive effects of FRV. The next meeting is scheduled for late August. ([back to top](#))

### 3. ODM considers increased rate for vent weaning program

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is preparing to move ahead with the second part of the vent program; an incentive for providers to wean residents off of vents. The Academy included a vent weaning component in our original vent alternative enhanced rate proposal. It was removed in order to simplify the alternative rate and speed the implementation process. Now that the enhanced rate is up and operational, ODM has returned to considering a vent weaning incentive. The current proposal is 65% of the LTACH rate for facilities that have a vent weaning program. The program must:

- (a) Have a weaning protocol in place that was established by a physician trained in pulmonary medicine who is available by phone twenty-four hours per day seven days per week during the weaning period.
- (b) Have a licensed respiratory therapist with training in advanced cardiac life support on-site eight hours per day seven days per week who is available by phone during the remaining hours of the day during the weaning period.
- (c) Have a registered nurse with training in advanced cardiac life support on-site twenty-four hours per day seven days per week during the weaning period.

Comments on the proposal are due Wednesday. ([Back to top](#))

### 4. HCBS transition plan for ICF-IID released

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has released the latest HCBS transition plan. The transition plan explains to CMS how Ohio will meet the relatively new regulations and definitions for HCBS. ODM is asking interested parties to review and comment on the ICF-IID residential settings heightened scrutiny evidence packages. The heightened scrutiny packages are found in Appendix V, beginning on page 159 of the plan. The public comment period will be held from July 27-August 27th. The plan can be viewed by clicking here:

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/PublicNotices/HeightenedScrutinyReviewRequest.aspx>

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## Federal News

### 5. Reminder: Updated SOM Appendix PP for new regulations available

Phase 2 of implementing the new requirements of participation for skilled nursing facilities is underway and will be in full effect November 15, 2017. CMS has released the S&C memo that contains the new F-tags and guidance for the new regulations that relate to the survey process. It is available here: [S&C: 17-36-NH updates](#)

[the SOM Appendix PP for Phase 2 of the new federal regulations to take effect November 15, 2017.](#)

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## 6. Reminder: Updated SOM Appendix PP for new regulations available

CMS is removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards to help fight identity theft and safeguard taxpayer dollars. In previous messages, we said that you must be ready by April 2018 for the change from the Social Security Number based Health Insurance Claim Number to the randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (the new Medicare number). Up to now, we referred to this work as the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI). Moving forward, we will refer to this project as the New Medicare Card.

To help you find information quickly, we designed a new homepage linking you to the latest details, including [how to talk to your Medicare patients about the new Medicare Card](#). Bookmark the [New Medicare Card homepage](#) and [Provider webpage](#), and visit often, so you have the information you need to be ready by April 1. [\(Back to top\)](#)

## 7. CMS MLN Connects Provider eNews

[MLN Connects® for Thursday, July 28, 2017](#)

### News & Announcements

- [Home Health Agencies: CMS Proposes 2018 and 2019 Payment Changes](#)
- [New Medicare Card \(formerly called SSNRI\)](#)
- [Quality Payment Program: Explanation of Special Status Calculation](#)
- [Updated CMS Measures Inventory Posted](#)
- [World Hepatitis Day: Medicare Coverage for Viral Hepatitis](#)
- [Anniversary of the American Disabilities Act](#)

### Provider Compliance

- [Hospital Discharge Day Management Services CMS Provider Minute Video](#)

### Claims, Pricers & Codes

- [2018 ICD-10-CM POA Exempt Codes Available](#)

### Upcoming Events

- [New Proposals for RHCs and FQHCs on Care Management Services and ACO Assignments Listening Session — August 1](#)
- [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Model Expansion Listening Session — August 16](#)
- [IMPACT Act: Drug Regimen Review Measure Overview for the Home Health QRP Call — August 17](#)
- [LTCH Quality Reporting Program Refresher Training Webinar — August 22](#)
- [CMS National Provider Enrollment Conference — September 6 and 7](#)

### Medicare Learning Network Publications & Multimedia

- [Quality Payment Program 2017 MIPS: Improvement Activities Performance Category Web-Based Training Course — New](#)
- [Provider/Supplier Enrollment Call: Audio Recording and Transcript — New](#)
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