

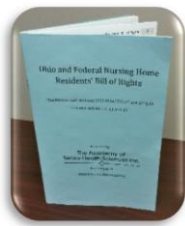
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Ohio News

1. CHOP and MCO issue debated at ODM meeting

The Ohio Department of Medicaid held a meeting of interested parties to discuss delays in entering providers receiving managed care payments after a change of provider (CHOP). The Department outlined the timeframe for processing a CHOP, from the submission of the application to the issuing of the provider number. According to the Department, it usually takes about 3 months to complete the process once they receive the 45 day notice. Delays from the process are usually created because the Department needs more information for the application, such as managing staff social security numbers or dates of birth. Once the new provider number is issued, the MCOs are notified. While the MCOs did not provide any timeframes, they noted it could take some time to get contracts signed and get the provider loaded to pay claims. It appeared from the conversation that entering providers that are new to the state and are not part of delegated credentialing would take the longest time; it could take as long as six months. Under most circumstances, it should not take that long. ODM is going

to consider a short-term solution of including information about contacting the MCOs, along with MCO contact information, to begin the contracting process in the acknowledgement letter. One issue that was exposed during the meeting was that the provider number is issued after the effective date of the CHOP by as much as 45 days. This can create a problem for that month of billing. In some cases either the exiting provider bills after the effective date of the CHOP or the entering provider bills for that month under the old provider number. Some MCOs indicated that they continue to pay under the old provider number until they receive the notice of the new number for the entering provider. According to ODM, the entering provider should bill for services after the effective date of the CHOP with their new provider number. ([back to top](#))

2. House introduces dementia training bill

The Ohio House of Representatives introduced a bill this week that would require dementia training under certain circumstances. The bill, H.B. 732, would require long-term services and supports providers, including nursing facilities, that have a special program or special care unit for individuals with dementia or advertises, markets, or otherwise promotes itself as providing services for individuals with dementia, to provide training to its supervisors, direct, and indirect care staff. The bill lists the hours of training required along with the contents of the training. ([back to top](#))

3. Updated Hand in Hand online training, materials available

The updated Hand in Hand: A Training Series for Nursing Homes is now available on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS's) Integrated Surveyor Training Website (ISTW). The Hand in Hand: A Training Series for Nursing Homes was previously developed as an instructor-led training conducted by nursing home staff for nurse aides. The Hand in Hand training is now be available as a self-paced, online training and available to download for use as an instructor-led course and may be accessed using the links below. The self-paced training may take approximately 24 hours to complete. This training focuses on caring for residents with dementia and on preventing abuse. CMS, supported by a team of training developers and subject matter experts, created this training to address the need for nurse aides' in-service training on these important topics. Federal law requires that nurse aides complete in-service training on dementia management and resident abuse prevention. Additionally, facilities must provide dementia management and resident abuse prevention training to all facility staff, (direct and indirect care and auxiliary functions) contractors, and volunteers.

Self-Paced Online Training - Hand in Hand: A Training Series for Nursing Homes Online

https://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov/pubs/ClassInformation.aspx?cid=0CMShIH_ONL

Downloadable Materials for Instructor-Led Training - Hand in Hand: A Training Series for Nursing Homes

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4. Early Bird rates end Oct 9 for the ASHS/OANAC Fall Conference!

The 2018 ASHS/OANAC Fall Conference and Annual Meeting is October 25 and 26 in Columbus, OH. Attendees can earn up to 14 BELTSS CE's (34210-001-P-18) for as little as \$235. Topics to be covered include PDPM, PBJ, MDS, PELI, and more acronyms! Don't wait - [learn more about the conference by clicking here!](#) ([back to top](#))

5. Polls show gubernatorial race tied

The race for Ohio's next governor appears to be too close to call heading into the home stretch. Recent polls show candidates DeWine and Cordray in a statistical dead heat. The candidates traded barbs this week at the first of three debates, attacking each other on a variety of issues. Most of the focus on health care is on Medicaid expansion and the opioid crises, with no mention of long-term care. Both candidates have been attacked via ads on a variety of subject matter from rape test kits to the workplace environment. While the governor's race is a focus for Ohioans, national attention remains on the U.S. Congressional seats. Pundits anticipate most of the Ohio races will not receive top billing. Sen. Brown is expected to retain his Senate seat,

and of the 16 House seats in Ohio, [The Cook Political Report](#) only has newly elected Rep. Balderson's seat listed as competitive. [\(back to top\)](#)

6. Nominations being accepted for ASHS board

ASHS board elections will be happening in November and it is time to submit your nominations. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the ASHS Executive Board, please send your nominee information to The Academy: cmurray@seniorhealthsciences.org. Please have nominations submitted by November 2. [\(back to top\)](#)

7. JMOC hears of MCO payment concerns around behavioral health

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee heard testimony this week from interested parties about the recent integration of Medicaid behavioral health services into managed care. The integration occurred July 1, yet JMOC heard concerns over lack of payment by the managed care companies to providers. Enrollment into the MCOs' systems to allow payment appears to be the biggest problem. Many providers did not enroll with the plans at the start of the program. There have been contingency payments made to providers to help individual providers with any cashflow problems. While some of those providers have billed for services, it was noted that there are some that have not. It was suggested that they were waiting for the claims problems to improve. The number of claims and associated dollars has improved since July and August, but providers are still concerned about payment issues and when the contingency payments will be collected. And there continues to be a backlog in claims to be processed or claims that have yet to be filed. There was no timeline provided for the end of the contingency payments or when MCO payments were expected to be on par with past expenditures. [\(back to top\)](#)



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Federal News

8. New Medicare cards coming to Ohio in October

CMS announced that they have begun "wave 6" of the issuance of the new Medicare cards. Ohio is slated to be included in "wave 7" of the rollout. Wave 7 is scheduled to start in October. Based on the past schedule, it will probably occur sometime towards the end of the month. The Academy will notify you as soon as wave 7 is launched.

9. CMS MLN Connects Provider eNews

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- [Hospital Quality Reporting System Open for CY 2018 eCQM Data](#)
- [eCQM Value Sets: Updates for 2019 Reporting and Performance Periods](#)
- [MIPS Targeted Review Request: Deadline Extended to October 15](#)

- [Quality Payment Program: MIPS Resources](#)
- [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Become a Medicare Enrolled Supplier](#)

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

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- [ASP Pricing Files and Coverage for Drugs](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

- [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: New Covered Service Call — September 26](#)
- [FY 2019 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule Webinar—September 26](#)
- [Final Modifications to the Quality of Patient Care Star Rating Algorithm Call — October 3](#)
- [Provider Compliance Focus Group Meeting — October 5](#)
- [Submitting Your Medicare Part A Cost Report Electronically Webcast — October 15](#)
- [Home Health Quality Reporting Program In-Person Training Event — November 6 and 7](#)

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