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Ohio News

OH|ID information

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) successfully launched the Provider Network Management (PNM) Pre-Registration tool on August 15. To date, we have had several thousand providers successfully register their PNM accounts with OH|ID, and we look forward to onboarding more in the coming weeks. If you have not yet pre-registered, please be sure to do so by September 23! The pre-registration period allows providers to register for the PNM module and OH|ID ahead of time to prevent disruptions when PNM goes live on October 1. You can also take a moment to review a few facts and questions that we have gathered after week one below.
- Who should identify themselves as a provider administrator or a provider agent?
A Provider Administrator manages and oversees one or more Medicaid IDs and is responsible for all aspects of provider registration. A Provider Agent can perform specific tasks based on roles granted by the Provider Administrator. Please confirm your role with your respective office or medical group before accessing the pre-registration tool, as only one Administrator is allowed per

provider.

- How many Administrators can a provider have?

There can only be one Administrator per provider.

- If I already have an OH|ID do I need to pre-register?

Providers with an existing Medicaid number and OH|ID will not need to pre-register [i.e., Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) providers]. All others should take advantage of the pre-registration period in order to associate their accounts with their OH|ID and setup PNM dashboards in advance. When entering the tool, you will select "Yes" when asked if you already have an OH|ID and continue the process without having to create a new OH|ID.

-Will I be locked out of my account if I input the wrong information?

After three attempts of entering incorrect information on the provider verification page, you will be locked out of the system for one hour.

- Who do I contact if I need technical assistance while pre-registering?

If you need technical assistance or encounter an error while pre-registering, please contact the ODM Integrated Help Desk Command Center. They can be reached at 1-800-686-1516, option #8.

- Where do I find more information about pre-registration or the PNM module?

For more information on PNM pre-registration or the PNM module, please visit the PNM & Centralized Credentialing page on the ODM Managed Care site.

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Register today for the ASHS Fall Conference!

Have you registered for The 2022 ASHS Fall Conference and Annual Meeting? No! What are you waiting for?! This years conference is live in-person at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus on October 27 and 28. Hear subject matter experts cover the latest topic in long-term care. View our speakers and agenda on our conference website. **Academy members can attend both days for as little as $300.** But register soon before this discounted rate ends! Click here to register. (12 BELTSS CEs pending.) (Back to top.)

Medicaid provider enrollment and maintenance update

Beginning August 31, all provider demographic and agent maintenance update functionality will be closed for conversion of data in MITS. **Enrolled providers should update their demographic information in MITS by August 30** or plan to hold updates until October 1. Please visit the following link to the MITS Secure Portal Login:

www.ohmits.com/prosecure/authtam/login

Please make sure to add or update all practice locations and provider affiliations in advance of data conversion.

On October 1, provider enrollment and maintenance-related activities will resume and be accessed using PNM. For more information about PNM and trainings, please visit:

ODM also announced a new Enrollment Agent Role in PNM. This new role will be able to update provider information and submit revalidations on behalf of a provider. Like the Agent role, the Enrollment Agent will be assigned by the Provider Administrator. (Back to top.)

National News

CMS hears from stakeholders on minimum staffing

CMS held a webinar Monday that reviewed their current plan for developing a minimum staffing requirement. The information provided was very similar to the memo released last week as it reviewed the different studies that will be involved in making the determination. At the end of the call, stakeholders were allowed to provide input. Much of the input was on concerns about providers being able to find the necessary staff and/or pay for the staff. Other concerns included the role that therapists and other staff play in providing care to residents and ensuring that is accounted for. One caller noted that the onsite study needs to also include the care that is missing. Finally, some stakeholders noted the importance of acuity levels and how that can change suddenly. The example of wound care was given. CMS plans on developing the minimum staffing requirement for implementation next year. Therefore, the studies are being fast tracked so the requirement can be developed with enough time for comments. (Back to top.)

IPRO: *C. Diff*, NH participation requirements webinars

IPRO, Ohio's QIN-QIO, is host a webinar entitled *Clostridioides Difficile*: Update On Diagnosis and Treatment in Acute and Post-acute Care Settings on Wednesday, September 7 at 1 PM. Information for the program: The presenter will be Ghinwa Dumyati, MD, Director Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Prevention Program, University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Dumyati has expertise in the prevention of healthcare associated infections and antibiotic stewardship. She collaborates with the CDC Emerging Infection Program on identifying the burden and risk factors of infectious diseases of public health importance such as *C. difficile* and antibiotic resistant gram negative organisms. Dr. Dumyati has led several collaborative quality improvement projects to reduce the burden of healthcare associated infections. Over the past several years she has succeeded in reducing the incidence of *C. difficile* infections in the local hospitals and nursing homes. Dr. Dumyati is a member of the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA) and is the Chair of its Infection Advisory committee. She is also a Fellow of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and is a member of the Quality

Measures Task Force as well as member of its long-term care interest group. At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

- List the most recent treatment guidelines for *C. difficile* infection
- Identify the role of diagnostic stewardship in optimizing *C. difficile* testing

Describe the importance of communication across care transitions in improving the management of patients with *C. difficile* infection. Click here to register for this webinar.

IPRO will also be hosting a session entitled Updated CMS Nursing Home Participation Requirements: What Pharmacists and Facilities Need to Know from Noon to 1 PM on September 21 and 28. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated the Requirements of Participation (RoP) for facilities that participate in the Medicare program. Areas addressed include infection control, psychotropic medication use and mental health, and, of particular importance, changes to the Guidance to Surveyors, or Appendix PP. Attendance will provide 1 contact hour of ACPE accredited continuing pharmacist education. Registration will open closer to the date. (Back to top.)

MLN Connects Newsletter

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- Interns and Residents Information System XML Format: Updated Vendor List

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

- Integrated Outpatient Code Editor: Java Beta File Release

MLN Matters® Articles

- Significant Updates to Internet Only Manual (IOM) Publication (Pub.) 100-05 Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual, Chapter 5

Information for Patients

- Coverage to Care: Updated Resources

To view MLN Connects online, click here.

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Registration is now open! Click here to register.

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CMS SNF VBP Webinar

On September 28, 2022, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host an educational webinar: Overview of Finalized SNF VBP Policies from the FY 2023 SNF PPS Final Rule. The educational webinar will provide an overview of the major policies in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) Final Rule for the SNF VBP Program. You may register for the webinar here: https://globalmeetwebinar.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1567348&tp_key=5891 f3c008

The webinar's slides and recording will be available after the presentation on the SNF VBP Program Archived Events page of QualityReportingCenter.com: https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/en/snf-vbp/archived-events/.

CMS issued the final rule on July 29, 2022. The rule updates Medicare payment policies and rates for skilled nursing facilities under the SNF PPS for FY 2023. In addition, the rule includes finalized policies for the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) and the SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program. Updated policies for the SNF VBP Program are available on pages 47559–47597 of the FY 2023 SNF PPS Final Rule in the *Federal Register* at this web address: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/03/2022-16457/medicare-program-prospective-payment-system-and-consolidated-billing-for-skilled-nursing-facilities.

NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS

CMP Indoor Visitation Grant
Now open!

PNM Pre-Registration
Until 23 September 2022

ASHS Fall Conference
27 and 28 October 2022

SNF Cost Center Report Due
1 November 2022

SOM, ROP Changes
Effective 24 October 2022

Click here for QIO training series.

Click here for QIO Booster Blitz series.

Click here for CMS NH COVID-19 Training Modules

Click here to view CGS Part A training events

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