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Ohio News

State finances stay strong to start fiscal year

Two months into state fiscal year 2023 and Ohio's finances are in good shape. So much so, that Fitch Ratings has updated Ohio's long-term Issuer Default Rating to the highest possible - "AAA." Revenues are \$130 million over estimates, while disbursements continue to be lower than expected by about \$200 million. Medicaid GRF disbursements for the month were \$67 million below estimates, pushing the

two month total to \$81 million below the expected level. [Click here to view the latest OBM monthly report.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

2 weeks until ASHS Fall Conference rates increase!

This weekend we learned the value of a long-snapper and a place kicker. (If you don't know what those are, it is okay. We still love you!) But did you know that there is value to registering for the 2022 ASHS Fall Conference and Annual Meeting **before September 26**? That's right; the early bird discounted rate of \$300 for members ends September 26. Not a member? You still get a discount that ends September 26, so you should register soon, too! Learn more about the conference by visiting [our conference website](#). Register before September 26 for the discounted rates! [Click here to register.](#) (12 BELTSS CEs pending.) ([Back to top.](#))

Take advantage of Ohio's direct care workforce PSAs

Ohio has been running a public service announcement that encourages people to enter the direct care workforce. [You can view the ad on YouTube by clicking here.](#) The ad directs people to the OhioMeansJobs website (OMJ) with [a specific landing page for direct care work](#). Employers can take advantage of the PSA by posting their job on OMJ. It is free to register and post jobs: [For Employers | OhioMeansJobs](#). In order to take full advantage of the PSA, be sure to enter key words to get their posting listed when searching for certain positions. ([Back to top.](#))

Notes from the ODM provider meeting

The Ohio Department of Medicaid met with nursing home representatives last week at the monthly provider meeting. Below are notes from the meeting:

Trading Partner EDI Testing: Providers and/or trading partners should already be doing the EDI testing for the new fiscal intermediary being implemented December 1. Contact info if you have not started testing or have questions/concerns:

usomesedisupport@deloitte.com for EDI trading partners; EDI-TP-comments@medicaid.ohio.gov if having trouble connecting with the EDI vendor Deloitte. (Please include TP# and contact information in message.) For providers that do not use the EDI, the PNM module training discussed how to submit claims directly through the new PNM. Providers will access MITS via the PNM beginning October 1.

Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Implementation: The FI system is going live December 1.

ODM is developing a contingency plan for problems with provider payments. No details yet about the plan. ODM understands the importance of cash flow and the need to make sure payments continue to be made.

PNM and Cost Reporting: ODM and DODD are working with Gainwell and Myers & Stauffer on the new provider portal (MSLC) and how cost reports will be submitted. The new provider portal will replace MITS sometime after December 1, although the exact date is still unknown. Training videos and manuals are currently being developed. *An updated version of the ACR software will be used for CY2022* and will be available from ODM. The ACR files will be uploaded to the new MSLC portal than transferred into Perseus. The July 1, 2023 rate setting will use both Perseus and the new MSLC portal data as a test run for the portal. The CY2023 cost reports will be submitted online.

Franchise Permit Fee: ODM announced the franchise permit fees for SFY23. \$13.36 per bed or, if 200+ beds, \$8.50. This is lower than SFY 22 fees. ODM said this is because of lower revenues.

Post Payment Reviews: 2019 update: 90% of 692 cases are either closed or in the process of collection. Still have about 70 reviews that are still in progress. 2020 update: of 1,125 reports out of MITS, 491 have been manual or electronically scrubbed to zero. ODM currently has 699 reports to be mailed: 541 NFs at an average amount of \$5,269 and 128 ICFs at an average amount of \$4,367. ODM has a target date of mailing in December. Historical data shows a steady decline in the amount initially due and the amount of recoveries. In 2012, the average initially due per facility was \$36k, with the average final amount paid of \$9.8k. By 2019, that had fallen to \$3.2k and \$2.4k, respectfully.

MDS Exception Reviews The current round of MDS reviews have started. A handful of onsite reviews are possible and the approach and records tested will not differ between onsite or remote reviews. ODM is still planning on 50 reviews for the cycle and to finish before Thanksgiving.

NF Cost Center Reporting: H.B. 169 and rule 5160-3-50 provide the ODM and NF responsibilities for the required cost center reporting related to direct care. Facilities have been notified of the reporting requirement. Only 30 of 917 facilities have reported their July 1 to Dec 31 data. ODM has added a user guide to the NFCCR website. ODM will resend the notification and include the availability of the user guide. ODM will be updating its annual cost report **as *the CY2022 data will undergo a compliance review for the spending requirement.***

CMP Visitation Project: The indoor visitation CMP application has been added to the website The maximum amount a facility can receive is \$3k. As of Sept 6 there have been 54 applications with \$154K requested and \$145K approved. Providers are reminded to send in receipts via PDF and include a description of the item(s) purchased and the correct provider number that goes with the grant. It should also

include where to send the money and contact information.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next provider meeting, please [contact The Academy](#).

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National News

CMS, CFPB issues letter warning of NF debt collection

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and CMS issued a joint letter to nursing homes to "remind you of your responsibilities under the Nursing Home Reform Act (NHRA), Fair Debt Collections Practices Act (FDCPA), and Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)." At issue is the practice of some nursing homes requesting or requiring a third party to take responsibility for the payment of services provided. The letter, [available here](#), also warns debt collectors that they may run afoul of the FDCPA should they try and collect the debt. [Please see the letter for more details.](#) [\(Back to top.\)](#)

CDC changes meaning of "up to date" to include latest boosters

From the CDC: **Updated Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters** — With the arrival of updated boosters, CDC is reframing what it means to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccination. You are up to date if you have completed a primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC. You can learn more here: [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters | CDC](#) [\(Back to top.\)](#)

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ODDS AND ENDS

Time is running out to register for PNM

Only two weeks are remaining of the Provider Network Management (PNM) pre-registration period. Providers have until **Friday, September 23**, to pre-register for the PNM module ahead of the PNM launch on October 1. As a reminder, an OH|ID is required to access the PNM module. Access to key administrative functions could be delayed for providers who do not pre-register. If you cannot take advantage of pre-registration, you will still be able to access the PNM and set up your account at go-live October 1.

To access the PNM pre-registration site, please visit <https://pnm-preregistration.omes.maximus.com>.

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

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