

The Academy Weekly

News & Information for LTC Providers



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Thank you to those that attended the Fall Conference! It was great to see everyone in person again. And thank you to the presenters - great job!

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Ohio News

ODM prepares for end of PHE

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has indicated that the public health emergency (PHE) may end in January. The PHE provided an increase in federal matching Medicaid funds if the state was willing to maintain people in Medicaid despite changes in their eligibility. Ohio has done this during the PHE; therefore, there are some Medicaid recipients that may no longer be eligible. Once the PHE ends, the state has to "unwind" those that are enrolled by doing eligibility redeterminations. To prepare for this, ODM has created a toolkit for providers to educate Medicaid

recipients. The toolkit is available by visiting ODM's [COVID-19 Unwinding webpage](#). ([Back to top.](#))

PNM training for phase III

From ODM: Provider Network Management (PNM) training sessions begin on October 24 in preparation for exciting changes coming on December 1. Registration is available now in the [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#), Absorb. The [training schedule](#) has been posted and is available on the [Next Generation website](#).

Training module topics will include the following:

- Self-service Hospice.
- Fee-for-service and Managed Care Claims Submission (Dental, Institutional, and Professional).
- Fee-for-service and Managed Care Prior Authorization Submission.
- Fee-for-service and Managed Care Eligibility Inquiry.
- Fee-for-service and Managed Care Claims Inquiry.
- Fee-for-service and Managed Care Provider Financials/Remittance Advice.
- Cost Report Submission Process via Ohio Medicaid Enterprise System (OMES) Cost Report and Rate Setting Web Portal for Long Term Care (LTC), Hospital, Medicaid School Base, Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC) and Outpatient Health Facility (OHF) Providers.

LMS registration

In preparation for the December 1 launch, we are offering a variety of training options including self-paced, virtual, and in-person training options. Absorb, the Learning Management System (LMS), is where you will access the self-paced training and sign up for the virtual and/or in-person sessions. If you do not have an account in the LMS, it's important that you create one to ensure you have access to all training sessions, answer forms, and a variety of PNM resources. [Access the job aid](#) and follow the steps to create your account and register for training.

For more information

To learn more about the PNM module and Centralized Credentialing, visit the [PNM and Centralized Credentialing page](#) on the [Next Generation website](#). If you are experiencing any technical issues accessing the PNM module or have specific questions, please contact Medicaid's Integrated Help Desk (IHD) at 800-686-1516 or IHD@medicaid.ohio.gov. The IHD is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Eastern time. ([Back to top.](#))

PDPM transition discussions continue

ODM continues to meet with interested parties regarding the transition to PDPM for determining the case-mix score to set rates. The group reviewed the necessary rule and statutory changes to implement PDPM. The goal would be to pass the statutory changes in the upcoming budget bill and then the necessary rule changes. The first rate setting under PDPM would be Jan 1, 2014. The group also further discussed the benefits and concerns of only using the nursing component to determine the CMI. Initial analysis of the change suggests some providers could see a significant change in their Medicaid rate. Further discussion is scheduled for this week. ([Back to top.](#))



National News

CMS updates vaccination regs

CMS issued [QSO-23-02-ALL](#) to consolidate and update the vaccination regulations. The document clarifies what providers have to do to remain in compliance and what is needed for an enforceable action. [Please review the memo for more information.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

MLN Connects Newsletter

[News](#)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine: Novavax Booster Authorized](#)
- [Medicare Part B Immunosuppressive Drug: Get Information on New Benefit](#)
- [Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Benefit: Check Medicare Eligibility](#)
- [Skilled Nursing Facilities: October Care Compare Release](#)
- [Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories: Report Private Payor Rate Data Beginning January 1](#)
- [Diabetes: Recommend Preventive Services](#)

[Claims, Pricers, & Codes](#)

- [Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement: CY 2023 HCPCS Codes](#)

Publications

- [Medicare Provider Compliance Tips — Revised](#)

Multimedia

- [Hospice Quality Reporting Program: September Forum Materials](#)

[To view MLN Connects online, click here.](#)

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Now accepting board nominations!

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CDC EBP Webinar

You are invited to a webinar discussing Enhanced Barrier Precautions in nursing homes. [Enhanced Barrier Precautions](#) protect nursing home residents and staff from germs that can cause serious infections and are hard to treat.

Join us November 15, 2022, from 1-2 p.m. EST for a detailed review and discussion about this CDC infection prevention and control recommendation. In addition, hear directly from a long-term care Infection Preventionist about her successes and challenges implementing Enhanced Barrier Precautions in several nursing homes. Presentations will be followed by a conversation with the experts about frequently asked questions from the field.

Featured Presenters:

- Abimbola (Bola) Ogundimu, DrPH, RN, CIC, CPHQ; Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC.
- Heather Jones, DNP, NP-C; Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC.
- Linda Behan BSN, RN, CIC; Consultant; Long Term Care Infection Prevention, LLC.

Moderator:

NOTABLE DATES OR EVENTS

[CMP Indoor Visitation Grant](#)

Now open!

[SOM, ROP Changes](#)
Effective 24 October 2022

[Claims Submission Rule](#)
Effective 1 December 2022

[Click here for QIO training series.](#)

[Click here for QIO Booster Blitz series.](#)

[Click here for CMS NH COVID-19 Training Modules](#)

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- Kara Jacobs Slifka, MD, MPH; Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC.

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