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Ohio News

ODM delays Next Gen Medicaid managed care

The Ohio Department of Medicaid delayed the final phase of its Next Generation Medicaid Managed Care. OMES was scheduled to launch on December 1, which would have incorporated the billing and prior authorizations for traditional and Group VIII Medicaid managed care (not MyCare Ohio). According to ODM, stakeholder concerns has caused them to hit the pause button and do a more phased-in approach beginning February 1. The current plan is as follows:

- On February 1, 2023, ODM will launch the **Next Generation managed care plans** and program requirements, including exciting improvements that will support members in accessing the healthcare services and supports they need. ODM will also implement the **new Electronic Data**

Interchange (EDI), increasing transparency and visibility of member care and services.

- Subsequently, ODM will fully launch OMES modules to provide streamlined processes for claims, prior authorizations, and other administrative tasks for providers.

Providers should continue to do business as they do today. However, the transition for Medicaid members will vary depending on the managed care plan they are enrolled in and their choice for next generation enrollment:

- **Managed care members that have not made an active plan selection** will continue receiving healthcare coverage through their current managed care plan.
- **Paramount Advantage members** will continue receiving healthcare coverage through Paramount Advantage until February 1. At that time Anthem will be their Next Generation managed care plan, unless they selected a different plan.
- **Managed care members that selected a new Next Generation managed care plan** will begin receiving services from that plan February 1.
- **Managed care members that selected a different continuing plan**, such as CareSource Ohio, Inc., Buckeye Health Plan, Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc., or United Healthcare Community Plan of Ohio, Inc., from their current plan will begin receiving services from that plan on December 1.
- **Individuals who are newly eligible for managed care, those who are currently in Medicaid fee-for-service** but not enrolled with a managed care plan, and those with a gap in eligibility of 91+ days will receive care paid for through Medicaid fee-for-service until February 1, 2023 when they are transitioned to an Ohio Medicaid Next Generation plan.

We will keep you updated as we learn more.

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Email no longer necessary for SRIs

The Ohio Department of Health developed a work around to their IT limitations related to the updated information necessary for SRIs. That process involved providers emailing the additional information on new forms. ODH has since updated their system to allow for the forms to be attached to the report. From ODH: In an effort to make SRI submission more streamlined for providers, we have updated the submission directions for the provider to submit an attachment with the

initial SRI. Providers will no longer e-mail the SRI Initial Form to ODH. Providers are required to upload the SRI Initial Form directly into EIDC by following the attached instructions. ([Click here to download instructions](#). The initial form can be downloaded [by clicking here](#). The final form is [available here](#).)

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ODH waives NATCEP hours requirement

The Ohio Department of Health waived the maximum hours of training allowable by a supplemental instructor within an approved NATCEP (rule 371-18-09(l)).

According to ODH, this was the quickest method to allow more flexibility for NATCEPs. ODH has said they will update the rules in the future; however, current priorities are making it difficult to correct the rules, hence the waiver. Please [click here to view the Director's Journal Entry](#) that waives the rule for more details.

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Substitute HB 572 looks to increase AL waiver rates

The General Assembly kicked-off its lame-duck (or post election) period with committee meetings last week. One bill on the Academy's radar had a hearing in the House Families, Aging and Human Services Committee. H.B. 572 would create financial incentives for residential care facilities (RCFs/AL) to increase the number of waiver rooms available. The concern is right now many AL waiver providers only use the rooms for when residents spend down and can no longer afford the services instead of taking-in waiver eligible consumers from the community. In some cases these individuals go to a nursing home at higher costs. The bill would increase the waiver rate based on the percentage of beds certified in the waiver program. The highest tier could be as high as 60% of the nursing home rate or \$139 per day for services. (Housing and meals are taken from patient resources.) We will continue to monitor the progress of the bill.

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National News

Ohio one of 22 states requesting CMS to end vaccine mandate

The Department of Health and Human Services and CMS passed rules that required healthcare workers, including nursing home staff, to develop policies and procedures to ensure staff are vaccinated against COVID-19. The ruling has withstood court challenges; however, last week the Attorney Generals of 22 states, including Ohio, petitioned HHS and CMS to repeal the rule and withdraw associated guidance. The petition notes that the vaccine is ineffective at preventing the spread of COVID and that the rule imposed costs on patients and healthcare workers without corresponding benefits. [Please click here to read the petition.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

CMS adds quality training to QSEP

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed a series of interactive videos called "Quality in Focus" (QIF) on the Quality, Safety & Education Portal (QSEP). The 10-15 minute videos are self-paced. They will help providers and suppliers participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs better understand how to improve health and safety in facilities.

The QIF series aims to increase the quality of care for people with Medicare and Medicaid by reducing the deficiencies most commonly cited during the CMS survey process, such as infection control and accident prevention. These resources will help providers and suppliers better understand surveyor evaluation criteria, recognize deficiencies, and incorporate solutions into their facilities' standards of care, so they are more equipped to meet health and safety guidelines.

The QIF interactive videos are tailored for specific provider and supplier types, with 1-3 videos per type. Each interactive video focuses on a specific health or safety citation with the goal of identifying and resolving these deficiencies. Some of the QIF interactive videos currently available include:

- Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Infection Control Citations
- Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (IICF/IID) Program Implementation Citations
- Hospice Plan of Care Citations
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Post-Intervention Debriefing Citations
- Long Term Care (LTC) Treatment and Prevention of Pressure Ulcer Citations
- LTC Free of Accident Citations
- LTC Medication Error Citations
- Outpatient Physical Therapy (OPT) Equipment, Buildings, and Grounds Maintenance Citations

- [Home Health Agency \(HHA\) Incomplete Individualized Plan of Care Citations](#)
- [Portable X-ray Personnel Monitoring Citations](#)
- [End Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Cleaning and Disinfecting Citations](#)

Please note that the information in the interactive videos is for informational purposes and is not meant to take the place of statutes, regulations, or official CMS policy.

Visit the Quality, Safety & Education Portal (QSEP) Training Catalog at <https://qsep.cms.gov/ProvidersAndOthers/publictraining.aspx> to access all of the "Quality in Focus" interactive videos. The videos can be found under the Quality in Focus tab.

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- [Medical Review After the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: New FAQ](#)
- [Flu Shots & COVID-19 Vaccines: Each Visit is an Opportunity](#)

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

- [DMEPOS: Corrected 2022 Fee Schedule Amounts](#)
- [Hospital Part B Inpatient Services Billing](#)
- [Outpatient Prospective Payment System Payment Rate for HCPCS Code Q5124](#)

Events

- [HCPCS Public Meeting: November 29 – December 1](#)

MLN Matters® Articles

- [Provider Enrollment Instructions: Seventh General Update](#)
- [ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations \(NCDs\): April 2023 Update](#)

Publications

CDC's Project Firstline has released a new suite of [infection control educational materials and resources](#) for Spanish-speaking frontline healthcare workers. These new resources were developed to ensure the delivery of infection control information for Spanish-speakers in-culture and in their native language. From videos, to posters, to training toolkits, there are a variety of resources available to help healthcare workers better understand and confidently apply infection control throughout their workday.

[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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