

OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION REIMBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

**May 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting**

M I N U T E S

Chair Denise Leonard called the meeting to order and asked anyone calling in by phone to let us know. The grid at the end of these minutes shows attendance.

The Chair reminded the committee of the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality Policies linked to the agenda.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Seconded; motion carried.

Erin Hart discussed issues with Medicaid recoupments and payments from March, explaining that incorrect remittance advice reports were issued and later corrected in May. She emphasized the importance of posting the most recent March 13 remit to balance the accounts and clarified that the recoupments in May were for overpayments made in March. She announced upcoming webinars for billers and financial managers to address these issues.

Ms. Hart also provided information on the transition to new MyCare Ohio plans effective January 1, 2026. She specifically pointed out that we published a News Bites article on contacts for contracting with the plans in the new program. She also covered the county roll-out and beneficiary assignment.

Pete Van Runkle provided an update on the state budget process, explaining that the Senate completed its hearing process and was considering amendments for the substitute bill. We expected the substitute bill the week after the committee meeting.

Mr. Van Runkle discussed the private room issue, noting that we were proposing to go back to the existing language on the \$160 million dollar amount to avoid a cap on rooms lower than the number of existing rooms. He also covered two amendments related to PDPM, including technical issues that had to be corrected and a proposed blend of components instead of only using the nursing scores. The blend would reduce the spread between winners and losers during the transition from RUGS to PDPM. We also believed the blend better reflected the conditions of Medicaid beneficiaries. We felt the larger PDPM amendment had less than a 50% chance of passing, while the private room amendment was more likely to succeed.

The administration's PDPM proposal included a 12-month phase-in period with potential cliffs instead of a glide path. We preferred a risk corridor with a \$5 cap on upside and downside risks.

Mr. Van Runkle also discussed legislative concerns about the optics of implementing a delayed fair rental value program. We explained that the administration would bear the initial burden of tamping down the cost and suggesting that the legislature then could adjust the program if necessary.

Mr. Van Runkle said the Senate would have additional public hearings before the omnibus amendment, but noted that substantive changes like the capital reimbursement methodology may not be included in the omnibus. Finally, he reported that the mandamus case regarding the quality incentive program was still pending, and no changes to the quality incentive had been proposed by either side.

Mr. Van Runkle pointed out two resources linked to the agenda. First was the July quality points estimates, which were unofficial but based on CMS data. We estimated the 25th percentile at 31.75 points and the value per point roughly at \$1.07. The second resource was a calculator tool for estimating the impact of transitioning to PDPM. Mr. Van Runkle clarified that while the calculator provided directional insights, it was not definitive and used historical data from Q2 2024, not current or future data. He agreed to email the files to anyone having trouble downloading them from the agenda links. Eli Coury and Chanda Robson asked questions about the PDPM transition and the calculator.

Mr. Van Runkle discussed the progress of the Federal budget reconciliation bill, noting that it was currently under consideration in the House of Representatives. The bill, which combined legislation from 11 different committees, was being debated in the House Rules Committee, with ongoing negotiations involving both moderates and deficit-hawk Republicans. The FMAP for the expansion population would not be reduced, and the President urged Republicans not to make further cuts to Medicaid. The goal was to pass the bill out of the House before Memorial Day, with the Senate expected to take it up afterward, aiming for final passage by July 4.

Mr. Van Runkle covered the implications of provider tax freezes and eligibility pullbacks in the Medicaid budget, particularly highlighting Ohio's outlier status due to a proposed hospital tax increase that would generate \$6.6 billion over the biennium. He explained that the current bill language grandfathered in provider tax increases enacted before Congress's final passage, though there was uncertainty about what "enacted" meant in technical terms.

Mr. Van Runkle also addressed concerns about legislative language and a proposed federal rule targeting managed care tax waivers that allowed states to charge Medicaid plans more than non-Medicaid plans. He noted that Ohio was one of seven states affected and that the rule would eliminate these programs immediately, unlike the bill's gradual approach. This would result in a \$2.5 billion revenue loss if the current tax structure remained unchanged. The managed care plans paid \$880 million annually in taxes, with the federal match bringing the total to \$2.5 billion. Mr. Van Runkle mentioned that he alerted AHCA/NCAL to this situation and proposed

grandfathering existing waivers, even if a glide path was available. Chair Leonard asked about raising the tax on non-Medicaid plans.

The Chair also asked about the dialysis provision in the state budget. Mr. Van Runkle said it was a proposed \$110 rate add-on per dialysis treatment in a SNF, which would cost \$1.4 million if fully implemented. He clarified that we did not propose this addition and were not actively lobbying for it. It lacked clear definitions and implementation details.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

First Name	Last Name	7/25/24	8/22/24	9/18/24	10/16/24	11/21/24	12/18/25	1/15/25	2/19/25	3/19/25	4/16/25	5/21/25
Joe	Abraham				P	P	P	P	P		P	
Jacqueline	Altier					P						
Josh	Anderson	P	P	P	P	P		P				
Steve	Anderson	P	P	P	P	P				P	P	P
Bryan	Asher											P
Edward	Beatrice	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Kayla	Bell							P	P			
Donna	Bicker								P			
Jennifer	Bidka	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Stephanie	Blakeman			P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Shlomo	Brisk		P	P	P		P			P		P
Stephanie	Browning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Eric	Buls	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Nancy	Burden						P	P	P	P		P
Tim	Cahill											
Jennifer	Campbell	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nathan	Carder	P	P			P				P	P	
Bruce	Carpenter			P				P	P	P	P	
Steven	Carrico	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Jennifer	Cidila		P		P				P			
Brian	Coil							P				P
Kimberly	Corrigan	P	P				P					
Gabrielle	Corwin		P	P	P	P	P	P			P	
Russell	Corwin	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Eli	Coury									P		P

Scott	Cunningham	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Tracie	D'Amato	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Tammy	Davis		P	P	P	P			P		P	
Tammi	DeSimone								P			
Diane	Dietz	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Titus	Donnell				P							
Josh	Dorn							P		P	P	P
Mike	Driver	P	P									
Matthew	Duddy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
David	Elmore	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John	Fleischer	P	P	P			P	P	P			
Junior	Foster											
Austin	Gerber		P						P			
Michelle	Gill	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Priscilla	Glidewell					P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Brad	Granger	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Curtis	Green	P										
Nikita	Grimes						P		P			
Tiffany	Hall					P	P	P	P			
Moriel	Hamui						P					
Emily	Hand	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Janet	Harris	P		P	P	P		P	P		P	P
Erin	Hart	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Scott	Heichel			P			P			P		
Nick	Hicks	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Jennifer	Butler-Hoover											P
Sarah Jane	Horvath								P			
Deb	Ifft	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nicole	Jablonski			P							P	
Patty	Jackson											
Debbie	Jenkins	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	P
Elizabeth	Jones		P		P					P	P	P
Brian	Karpodinis	P	P				P	P	P			
Steve	Katona	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Ben	Kiss	P		P		P	P		P	P		
Chase	Kohn											
Jacob	Kries											P
Boris	Kushnir		P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	
Tonya	Lambert					P	P	P			P	
Liz	Lane	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Paul	Lang		P	P	P	P		P	P			P

Matt	Larsh								P	P	P	P
Tim	Lehman	P	P		P			P	P			P
Denise	Leonard	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P
Will	Levering			P	P	P	P		P	P		P
William	Levering			P	P		P		P	P	P	
Beth	Lind	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		P
Tiffany	Lockhart	P		P	P	P	P					
Brian	Marrie			P	P	P	P	P			P	P
Heidi	Mays						P					
Eileen	McCain											
Heidi	McCoy				P			P	P			
Dianne	McFarland									P		
Steve	Meyer									P		
Troy	Mezera											P
Emily	Miller				P							
Tracy	Mitchell	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
Angie	Moore	P	P				P		P			
Tammy	Moyer-Wilson		P									
Matt	Murray					P			P			P
Bob	Nedrich	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jeanna	Neiheisel			P								
Rey	Nevarez			P		P				P		
Brian	Newman						P			P	P	P
Daniel	Newman	P				P						
Karen	Nofziger	P								P		
Barb	Notardonato-Cole	P	P			P	P		P		P	
Rosemary	Orlando, CPA	P	P		P		P		P	P	P	
Erin	Overla										P	
Matthew	Pool											
Derrick	Ratliff	P			P	P				P	P	P
Paula	Reape	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Auston	Reaser	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P
Todd	Rice	P		P		P	P	P				
Jennifer	Richter	P										
Chanda	Robson	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dominic	Romeo								P	P	P	
Rick	Russo											
Cheryl	Schermerhorn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jane	Schoof	P	P				P					P
Hemant	Shah	P				P			P	P		
Bob	Sharon											

Tony	Shaw	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	
Dwayne	Shepherd	P		P	P			P	P		P	P
Dean	Shipman											
Mike	Shoffner	P	P	P		P	P	P		P		
Pauline	Siler	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P
Jessica	Siu	P	P				P		P	P		
Pamela	Skrzynski						P	P	P		P	
Jana	Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adam	Swartz									P		
Shravani	Tallapaneni				P							
Cindy	Thomas					P			P			
Katie	Tira			P	P	P			P			P
Gina	Toigo	P	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P
Stephanie	Trainer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Julie	Uhler					P		P	P		P	P
Pete	Van Runkle	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Megan	Wahl	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Anastasia	Waltz							P		P	P	
Jessi	Wells				P	P	P			P		
Matthew	Wine	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Morgan	Wright	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Valerie	Youell								P		P	
Dave	Zabo	P	P									