



September 25, 2025

Important Information for Nursing Facilities

RE: Private Room Reimbursement

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5165.158, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) instituted an incentive program to reimburse Nursing Facilities (NF) a daily incentive amount in addition to their per diem rate for private rooms approved by ODM. To ensure adequate funding, the statute prohibits ODM from approving any new application for private rooms that would cause the projected expenditures for related incentive payments to exceed \$160,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 or a subsequent fiscal year.

As of the date of this notice, ODM has approved 30,779 Category 1 and Category 2 private room beds, which is projected to take ODM to the funding cap for the current fiscal year:

As a result, ODM must pause the approval of any newly submitted private room applications until such time as the projected expenditures for private room incentive payments fall at or below the funding limit. This could occur if there is a reduction in currently approved private room beds for any reason, including failure to comply with the incentive payment requirements effective July 1, 2025. For more information, please see [Private Room Compliance Fact Sheet](#).

For the time being, all new private room applications that would otherwise be approvable will be held in a pending status in the order in which the applications are received. This excludes facilities undergoing a Change of Operator (CHOP) that attest to no increase in beds. Should ODM's funding projection fall below the annual funding limit, ODM will consider for approval those previously held applications in the order in which they were submitted, giving priority to Category 1 bed requests.

For more information on NF Private Rooms, see OAC rule 5160-3-16.3, ORC Section 5165.158, or the NF Private Room Fact Sheet at [NF Fact Sheet Private Rooms revised.pdf](#).

Questions?

Please contact NF_PrivateRoom@medicaid.ohio.gov with questions about private room applications. Please be sure to include in your email the provider's name and number, as well as date of submission.

For more information about private room policy, billing, and payment, please contact NF Policy at NFPolicy@medicaid.ohio.gov