

Meeting Summary for ID/DD Member Call

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Quick recap

Josh led the Ohca Dd. Member Weekly Call and discussed updates and issues related to the ICF rates and the Ohio ISP system, including known problems and upcoming changes to three rules. He also informed the team about the provider compliance tool, the OHCA Excellence Awards, and a federal judge's decision on the FTC's non-compete ban rule. The conversation ended with Josh seeking feedback on his approach to work and offering assistance with the covered topics.

Next steps

Providers to submit adjustments for ICF rate changes if affected by the recent calculation error.

Providers to review draft rules on assistive technology, non-medical transportation, and transportation, and submit comments by August 29th.

Providers to consider nominating staff or teams for OHCA Excellence Awards by September 6th.

Summary

Ohca Dd. Member Weekly Call Attendance and Topics

Josh led the Ohca Dd. Member Weekly Call with Christy, Robert, and Chelsea in attendance. Debbie was absent, attending a conference in Baltimore. Josh acknowledged the lighter turnout and expressed hope that more members would join. He also encouraged everyone to participate in discussions throughout the meeting. The meeting was set to cover several topics, with Josh inviting further contributions from the members.

ICF Rates and Ohio ISP Updates

Josh discussed several updates and issues related to the ICF rates and the Ohio ISP system. He highlighted that some rates were updated due to a calculation error, but the changes may not be reprocessed, and providers were advised to submit adjustments themselves. He also mentioned several known issues and system updates around the Ohio ISP, including character limitations, issues with the 'who said it' field, and problems with the discovery assessment and document generation. He encouraged the team to ignore the incorrect 'modified by' or 'modified date' and use a workaround for the document generation issue.

ICFS, DCs, and Waivers Percentages Discussed

Josh reported that ICFS were at 47%, DCs at 74%, and waivers at around 50%. Gina expressed surprise at the waiver percentage, given the system was specifically built for them. Chelsea pointed out that there was still no training for assessing appropriately for an ISP. Josh acknowledged this and mentioned that there were a few draft rules that needed review.

Upcoming Changes to Three Rules Discussed

Josh discussed upcoming changes to three rules: "Assistive Technology," "Nonmedical Transportation," and "Transportation." The "Assistive Technology" rule, due for a five-year review, is expected to see substantial changes, including the addition of service animal training. The "Nonmedical Transportation" rule will implement new special payment rates for providers and amend the definition of "Commercial Transportation." The "Transportation" rule will align with the "Nonmedical Transportation" rule, requiring drivers to undergo drug and alcohol testing after serious accidents and adjusting service documentation requirements. Josh indicated that these changes were expected to be finalized and implemented by January 1, 2025.

Provider Compliance Tool and Updates

Josh informed the team that comments on a certain document were needed by August 29th. Gina requested that the documents be sent out sooner for review and printing. Josh also discussed the provider compliance tool and the ongoing work group reviewing it, asking for feedback on the process. He announced that a federal judge had blocked the FTC's non-compete ban rule, and reminded the team about the OHCA Excellence Awards, with a nomination deadline of September 6th. Lastly, he mentioned another round of the compensation survey would be conducted in September and that the DSP Recognition month was in September, asking for inclusion in any DSP events.

Work Approach and Rule Discussion

Josh discussed his approach to work and asked for feedback on the covered topics. He shared three rules in a zip file for the team to review. Chelsea and Gina confirmed they could access the files, and Josh offered further assistance if needed. The conversation ended early, and Josh reminded the team to reach out if they required any help in the interim.

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