

Meeting Summary for OHCA NF Member Call

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Quick recap

pete initiated the meeting, acknowledging the ongoing litigation work and hinting at potential unspecified news. He then discussed the development process for licensing rules for assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, upcoming deadlines for providers to apply for private room approvals, and the plan to convert semi-private rooms into private ones. pete also clarified details about the budget allocation for private rooms, a new initiative to record and summarize meetings, an upcoming webinar on assisted living waiver memory care, and the new Nursing Board rule. Lastly, he opened the floor for questions and announced future webinars on private rooms and Erin's topic.

Summary

Litigation and Efficiency: Ohio Skilled Nursing Update

pete initiated the meeting, noting that attendees were still joining and acknowledging the ongoing litigation work. They mentioned that the litigation was not yet ready to be presented but they were working to improve it in collaboration with two other associations representing skilled nursing facilities in Ohio. pete also hinted at potential news in an unspecified area but clarified that Mandy or another team member would be the appropriate person to share it. They concluded by emphasizing the importance of time efficiency and the meeting's hard stop at 3 PM.

Licensing Rules and Private Room Approvals

pete discussed the ongoing development process for licensing rules for assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. They mentioned that they are on the third and second drafts respectively, and these are undergoing the 5-Year Rule review process. pete also touched on the upcoming deadlines for providers to apply for category one private room approvals, with applications for category two private rooms to open in March 2024. They clarified that the state has yet to submit their State plan amendment to CMS and that there is a 6-month waiting period before approved providers can start receiving reimbursement for private rooms. pete advised interested parties to stay updated on the program through their publications and calls.

Semi-Private Room Conversion Plan Discussed

pete discussed the plan to convert semi-private rooms into private ones by surrendering the licenses for some beds. They expressed concern about giving up these beds without knowing if the proposed program would be approved. The Department clarified that it was not necessary to give up the beds before applying for the program, but commitment to surrendering the beds at

the appropriate time was required. pete also mentioned the need to submit a floor plan during the application process, which was to be authorized by an executive order.

Budget, AI, Webinar, Attestation, Newsletter Question

pete clarified details about the budget allocation for private rooms, explaining that the funds would not immediately go into effect and any unused funds would be carried forward to subsequent years. They also mentioned a new initiative where meetings are being recorded and summarized using artificial intelligence. Erin then spoke about an upcoming webinar on assisted living waiver memory care and reminded members to submit their attestation by December 15th. Lastly, pete indicated that they would address a question related to an article from the previous week's newsletter.

New Nursing Board Rule and E-Notify System

pete discussed the new Nursing Board rule, which primarily affects providers using traveling nurses with multi-state licenses. They explained that the nurse compact legislation, passed a few years ago, allows licensed nurses from other states to practice in Ohio. As part of this law, employers are required to report any out-of-state nurses to the Board of Nursing via the E-notify system. pete also mentioned that signing up for E-notify provides benefits beyond the reporting requirement, such as notifications about any disciplinary action against nurses. They confirmed that the system is indeed named "E-nurse".

License Reporting and Upcoming Webinars

pete opened the floor for questions and Jill sought clarification on the rules for reporting someone's license status. pete explained that if someone is allowed to practice in Ohio due to a compact but they are not licensed in Ohio, a notification is required. However, if they get an Ohio license, the notification is no longer needed. Mandy joined the meeting late and shared that they missed the meeting due to a problem with their phone updating the meeting time. pete thanked everyone for their attendance and announced that there would be a webinar on private rooms next week and another webinar with Erin.

Next steps

Pete will conduct a mini webinar on private rooms next Tuesday.

Pete will provide an update on private rooms next week.