

Meeting summary for ID/DD Member Call (03/05/2025)

Quick recap

Debbie led a discussion on the state and federal budget processes, including concerns about potential Medicaid cuts and changes in the rulemaking process. She also discussed issues related to claims submission and processing, and the upcoming 30-day public comment period for a waiver amendment. Lastly, she reminded the team about the convention and the availability of scholarships for employees of long-term care providers, and introduced a new staff member, Jason Umstadt.

Next steps

- Providers to contact the Medicaid help desk if experiencing issues submitting claims in PNM system.
 - Providers to review upcoming letters from Department of Medicaid regarding recoupments and request reconsideration if needed.
 - Providers to book convention hotels through the official OHCA registration link to avoid scams.
 - Providers to remind eligible staff to complete OHCA scholarship applications by March 14th deadline.
 - OHCA to continue advocating for budget requests at the State House.
 - Members to review and provide comments on the July 1, 2025 waiver amendment during the 30-day public comment period.
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Summary

Federal Budget Process and Medicaid Cuts

Debbie led a discussion on the state and federal budget processes. She explained that the House has broken up the budget into separate committees, with the Health Committee now handling the Dd budget. The budget includes some good things on the lcf side but lacks proposed increases for waiver providers. Debbie mentioned that they have requested modest rate increases over the next biennium and a process for collecting cost data for future rate reviews. She also discussed the potential impact of Medicaid cuts in the House version of the Budget resolution and the need to find significant savings. Debbie mentioned that the budget process is ongoing and they will continue to update the group. She also shared concerns about the potential change in the rulemaking process at the federal level, which could impact public comment periods. No questions or comments were raised during the meeting.

Claims Submission and Processing Update

Debbie discussed several issues related to claims submission and processing. She mentioned that there have been concerns about claims issues, particularly with the electronic submission of claims, and that these issues may be due to system updates. She encouraged everyone to contact the help desk if they are experiencing issues and to provide examples and screenshots to the department of Medicaid. She also mentioned that the department of Medicaid is starting the process of recoupments due to overpayments, and that providers will receive specific information on these recoupments. She advised providers to review these and request reconsideration if necessary. Lastly, she mentioned that the Department has put up for public comment the July 1st waiver amendment, which includes changes to extended travel and vehicle modifications rules.

Upcoming Public Comment Period & Convention Registration

Debbie discussed the upcoming 30-day public comment period for a waiver amendment, which includes support animals and training. She also reminded the team about the registration for the convention, which will take place from May 5th to 8th at the Columbus Convention Center. Debbie emphasized that members get free registration and encouraged the team to book hotels through the official registration link to avoid scams. She also announced the availability of scholarships for employees of long-term care providers, with a deadline of March 14th. Lastly, she announced the addition of a new staff member, Jason Umstadt, who will start in April and will be a valuable resource for the team.

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