

Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (04/22/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting covered updates on the budget bill, including challenges in the House and Senate, ongoing budget hearings, and potential changes to Medicaid funding. Discussions also touched on the revalidation process, its relation to the statute, and the implementation of multi-factor authentication in PNM. Lastly, the meeting addressed the end of free Covid tests distribution, concerns about staffing mandates, and announced an upcoming convention and docuseries premiere.

Next steps

- Providers to set up multi-factor authentication for PNM access before May 4th.
- Providers to review the list of ICD-10 codes that will no longer be classified into any group starting October 2023 and prepare accordingly.
- Providers to RSVP for the docuseries premiere at the Southern Theater during the OHCA convention.
- Providers who haven't registered for the OHCA convention to use their \$300 discount and register.
- Pete to follow up on the revalidation process and clarify the timeline for providers who have already submitted their information.
- OHCA to continue monitoring and advocating on the federal budget reconciliation process, particularly regarding potential Medicaid cuts.
- OHCA to follow up with Ohio Department of Medicaid regarding the recoupment process, dispute resolution, and timeline.

Summary

Ohca Sniff Member Weekly Call

Pete begins the weekly Ohca sniff member call, welcoming participants and encouraging them to ask questions during the meeting. He mentions that while there isn't a large amount of information to share this week, there are a few updates to discuss. Pete also notes that he will be providing updates on topics that have been regularly discussed in previous meetings.

Budget Bill Challenges and Solutions

Pete discussed the budget bill and the challenges faced in the House and Senate. He mentioned the passage of the House version of the Budget and the concerns about the private room program. Pete shared that the main motivation in the House was to constrain costs and not exceed the previously appropriated 160 million dollars. He also mentioned that the Senate is more understanding of the program but still concerned

about expenditures. Pete expressed optimism about finding a solution to save the private room program from disaster while addressing the concerns about expenditure.

Budget Hearings and PDPM Issues

Pete discussed the ongoing process of budget hearings in the House, with Director Corcoran set to testify the following week. He also mentioned the potential for public testimony and the possibility of members participating. Pete expressed uncertainty about the administration's decision not to retain the read language in the House and the potential for it to resurface in the Senate. He also discussed the upcoming sub bill and the issues surrounding Pdpm, which he believes will be relevant starting January 1, 2026. Pete also mentioned the Senate's plan to release their Budget bill on June 12th and the potential for the Conference Committee to conclude early this year.

Addressing Budget Disparities and Quality Incentives

Pete discussed the budget and the need for clarification on the freeze. He mentioned the importance of addressing the disparity between Pdpm and case mix, and the need to avoid potential losses. Pete also noted the need to consider the quality incentive and the 25th percentile issue, which is a major concern for many members. He mentioned the ongoing court case and the importance of not jeopardizing it. Pete also discussed the Federal budget process and the upcoming break period for both Congress and the Ohio General Assembly.

Medicaid Funding Changes and Tax Cuts

Pete discussed the potential changes to Medicaid funding, expressing optimism about recent developments. He mentioned a letter from 13 House Republicans opposing reductions in Medicaid benefits for vulnerable citizens, specifically mentioning skilled nursing. Pete also noted that the House is now defending Medicaid, and there are concerns about potential cuts. Additionally, he mentioned that the timeframe for some tax cuts is being shortened, which could reduce the need for spending reductions. Lastly, he mentioned that the proposed reduction in provider taxes has been increased from 6% to 5.2%, which is still a cut but easier to deal with.

Reconciliation Process and Target Dates

Pete discussed the ongoing reconciliation process, noting that the committees are expected to start the markup process on May 7th. He mentioned that the target date for the final product is Memorial Day, but others believe it may be into July. Pete also shared that the revalidation deadline has been extended to August 1st, and that the process is expected to become less onerous. Erin added that the process might be done in phases.

Revalidation Process and Staffing Mandate

In the meeting, Erin and Pete discussed the revalidation process and its relation to the statute. They clarified that the prior revalidation process did not meet the statute,

particularly in terms of ownership. Pete also mentioned the end of free Covid tests distribution by the Department of Aging and advised the team to stock up on tests. Anthony raised a concern about the staffing mandate and the revalidation process, to which Erin responded that the deadline still applies. Erin also discussed the recoupment of overpayments from Medicaid, the implementation of multi-factor authentication in PNM, and the changes in ICD-10 codes. Lastly, they announced the upcoming convention and the premiere of their docuseries.

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