

## Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (04/29/2025)

### Quick recap

Erin Hart provided updates on the state budget, the transition to Pdpm, and the issues with the current budget, emphasizing the need for technical corrections and a budget-neutral phase-in approach. She also discussed the ongoing efforts to advocate against Medicaid cuts, the CMS 855 revalidation for nursing facility providers, and the issues with the March 13th remittance advice reports. Lastly, she reminded the team about the May 4th deadline for Medicaid's multi-factor authentication setup, the implementation of Appendix PP changes, and the upcoming review of certain items and potential new opportunities.

### Next steps

- Ohca members in Troy Balderson and Michael Rowley's districts to participate in letter to the editor campaign regarding Medicaid cuts.
- Ohca members who have submitted 855A revalidation applications and received requests for additional documentation to submit the requested documents within the 30-day deadline.
- Ohca members who haven't submitted 855A revalidation applications yet to continue working on them but hold submission until further clarification on ADPs.
- Ohca members to set up multi-factor authentication for PNM by May 4th.
- Ohca members to review Appendix PP changes that went into effect on April 28th.
- Ohca members to submit any final COVID test orders through the state by April 30th.
- Ohca members to review draft rules for Skilled Nursing Facility Ohio Administrative Code and submit comments to Ohca team or Tammy Cassidy.
- Ohca members to submit PBJ data for Q1 as soon as possible due to potential system issues.

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### Summary

#### Ohca Strategy Director Updates State Budget

Erin Hart, the strategy director for Ohca, led the meeting. She announced that Pete was testifying at the State House on the Senate Budget for the Medicaid Committee. Erin provided updates on the state budget, mentioning that the Senate was currently in the process of hearing testimony on their version. She also mentioned that Ohca has been meeting with various senators to advocate for their positions, with a primary ask to restore the private room.

#### Budget and PDPM Transition Issues

Erin discussed the issues with the current budget, particularly the reduction of approved private rooms in Ohio and the need to restore the previous cap of 160 million dollars. She also highlighted the transition to Pdpm, emphasizing the need for technical corrections to avoid rate cuts. Erin proposed a blend approach to limit the swing of rate increases or decreases and a budget-neutral phase-in approach. Lastly, she addressed the issue of fair rental value, proposing an environmental quality adjustment that would not impact the current biennium.

### **Technical Correction and Federal Reconciliation**

Erin discussed the technical correction, which would multiply the price by 2.1.3, and the importance of fixing private rooms and the Cmi issue. She also mentioned the Federal reconciliation, which calls for 880 billion dollars in cuts from health and human services, with the main opportunity for these cuts to come to fruition in Medicaid. The Energy and Commerce Committee will be marking up legislation for the proposed cuts, and the goal is to have the House pass their version by May 19th. Erin also mentioned a media campaign with 5 States, including Ohio, and asked for participation in a letter to the editor to influence Congressmen.

### **Medicaid Cuts Advocacy and CMS Revalidation**

Erin discussed the ongoing efforts to advocate against Medicaid cuts and the coordination of media and facility tours with Congressmen. She also addressed the CMS 855 revalidation for nursing facility providers, with the deadline now set for August 1st. Erin advised providers to submit requested documentation within the 30-day deadline and to document any extensions. She also mentioned the possibility of revising the additional disclosable parties (ADPs) in the sub-regulatory guidance. Jill asked about the strategy for providers who have not yet submitted their revalidation, and Erin suggested holding off until there is more clarity on the ADPs.

### **March 13th Remittance Advice Reports**

Erin discussed the issues with the March 13th remittance advice reports, which were reissued on April 23rd. She noted that the reports were complex due to various recoupments and repayments, and in some cases, they were still incorrect. She advised that if the reports were still incorrect, a ticket should be submitted to the Integrated Help desk. Erin also addressed a long-standing question about mass recoupments for claims with a retroactive waiver span, providing detailed instructions on how to correct and resubmit those claims.

### **Medicaid MFA Deadline and Appendix PP Changes**

Erin reminded the team about the May 4th deadline for Medicaid's multi-factor authentication setup, emphasizing its importance for billers and those checking eligibility. She also mentioned the implementation of Appendix PP changes, which were supposed to be effective from April 28th, and encouraged the team to review a detailed webinar for a refresher. Furthermore, Erin informed the team about the deadline for

requesting Covid tests through the state, which is April 30th. Lastly, she announced the public hearing on the draft rules for Skilled Nursing facility Ohio Administrative Code on May 29th and encouraged the team to review the draft rules and provide comments if necessary.

### **Upcoming Review and Convention Discussion**

Erin discussed the upcoming review of certain items and the potential for new opportunities. She also mentioned the upcoming convention and encouraged attendees to use their coupons. Jill warned about potential issues with the new Cisco system and urged people to submit their PBJ files promptly. Joe inquired about recruitment notifications, to which Erin responded that no one had received any yet, but some unintentional recoupments were being fixed.

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