

Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (06/24/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting covered updates on the Ohio state budget and federal legislative developments, with discussions about budget conference committee hearings and proposed changes to Medicaid funding and taxes. CMS Quality Safety and Oversight updates were shared, including new data reporting timelines, changes to nursing home survey cycles, and upcoming modifications to antipsychotic medication measures. The conversation ended with information about a new data reporting system called the Internal Command Center, which will provide quarterly reports to skilled nursing providers and eventually expand to other types of providers.

Next steps

- [Providers to audit their records for level of care documentation for residents from July 1, 2022 forward.](#)
- [Providers to email PASSUR and NF policy mailboxes with questions about hospital exemptions and level of care determinations.](#)
- [Providers to continue doing OSAs until officially informed otherwise by the state.](#)
- [Providers to review the recruitment dashboard within 30 days of receiving communication from Medicaid and submit reconsideration requests with supporting documentation if needed.](#)
- [OHCA to continue monitoring and reporting on any updates regarding I-Keys and plan of corrections training changes.](#)

Summary

Ohio Budget and Federal Updates

The meeting focused on updates regarding the Ohio state budget and federal legislative developments. Pete explained that the state budget conference committee hearing was postponed to 9 PM, and while the final details were not yet available, they expected the conference report to be adopted by both houses and sent to the governor for review. Regarding federal updates, Pete noted that the Senate Finance Committee had proposed a more conservative version of the Medicaid bill than the House, with a trillion-dollar price tag, but Majority Leader Thune was actively working to bridge the gaps between the two versions for passage this week.

Medicaid Budget Concerns and Tax Changes

Pete discussed the status of the Medicaid portion of the bill, noting that the review is not yet complete and may not be finished for another day or two. He expressed concerns about the Senate's proposed changes to the hospital tax and managed care tax, which could negatively impact Ohio's Medicaid budget. Pete also mentioned that the skilled nursing facility tax is exempt from the proposed rate reductions, but this does not

fully address the funding needs for skilled nursing facilities. He suggested that the state may need to consider a budget correction in the fall to address these issues.

CMS QSO Reporting Updates

Tammy discussed several CMS Quality Safety and Oversight (QSO) updates, including the implementation of new data reporting timelines and changes to nursing home survey cycles. She explained that CMS will begin publishing Statement of Deficiencies data on Care Compare within 14 days, while also removing COVID-19 vaccination measures and combining Cycle 2 and 3 complaint/infection control citations into a single 25% weighted category. The most significant upcoming change involves the addition of claims-based data to the long-stay antipsychotic medication measure starting in October, though specific implementation details are still pending.

Medicaid Updates and Budget Guidance

The meeting covered several key updates and discussions. Tammy advised continuing to perform OSAs until official notification from the state regarding budget finalization, while Erin reported on the new Medicaid recruitment dashboard, emphasizing the 30-day review period and the need to verify overpayment claims. Diane highlighted updated ventilator rates effective July 1st, noting significant reductions, and discussed new level of care rules taking effect July 1st, 2022, urging facilities to audit their documentation and address hospital exemption concerns. Pete concluded with an informational update about a recent meeting at the Department of Aging, but no further details were provided.

Internal Command Center Development

Pete discussed the development of a new data reporting system, known as the Internal Command Center, which will provide quarterly reports to skilled nursing providers and eventually expand to other types of providers. The reports will include official CMS data, such as QMS information, survey points, and staffing details, packaged in a user-friendly format for providers, legislators, and other stakeholders. Quarterly meetings will also be held to review the reports and address concerns. Pete noted that while the system will be electronic, it won't allow for direct manipulation of data, instead offering printed reports via email.