

Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (07/15/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting covered discussions on the Inflation Reduction Act's impact on Ohio's Medicaid budget, focusing on provider taxes and managed care tax changes. Issues with Medicaid recoupments, PDP transitions, and nursing facility rates were addressed, along with reminders about important deadlines for providers. Proposed changes to OSHA regulations were also discussed, including modifications to respirator evaluations and COVID-19 reporting requirements.

Next steps

- Providers to submit list of ICNs they intend to dispute within 30 days of receiving the recoupment letter.
- Providers to submit supporting documentation for disputed claims within 60 days of receiving the recoupment letter.
- Providers to complete off-cycle revalidation before the August 1st deadline.
- Members to consider applying for the Ohio BWC Safety Grant, which is now open.
- OHCA to continue working with CMS to secure full 3-year transition period for managed care tax changes.
- OHCA to schedule Congressional facility tours for August to discuss provider tax and budget issues.
- Members to provide input on potential uses for the new non-nursing facility level of care waiver.
- Providers to submit PBJ data for April 1 - June 30 period as soon as possible, before the August 14th deadline.
- Members to register for the Quality Incentive Program intensive education course on August 18th if needed.
- Members to register for the free webinar on August 6th covering nursing facility licensure rule updates.

Summary

Ohio Medicaid Budget Impact Discussion

Erin, Tammy, and Diane discussed the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act on Ohio's Medicaid budget, focusing on provider taxes and the managed care tax. They highlighted concerns about the phased-out hospital provider tax and the need for a transition period to address revenue shortfalls. The group also touched on new provisions for home and community-based services waivers, changes to Medicaid eligibility, and the extension of the moratorium on minimum staffing requirements. They encouraged members to participate in Congressional facility tours to advocate for a longer transition period for the managed care tax changes.

Medicaid Recoupments and Provider Updates

Erin discussed issues with Medicaid recoupments, including problems with dashboard accuracy and provider communication. She explained the process for providers to dispute recoupments and noted that providers have 60 days to submit documentation. Tammy provided updates on the PDP transition and nursing facility rates, mentioning that July rates are still pending. She also discussed upcoming deadlines for PBJ submissions and nursing facility licensure roles. Diane emphasized the importance of completing provider revalidations before the August 1st deadline and reminded members about the Ohio BWC Safety Grant program, which provides funding for workplace safety improvements.

OSHA Regulation Changes Overview

Diane discussed several proposed changes to OSHA regulations, including the elimination of medical evaluations for certain types of respirators and the removal of COVID-19 reporting requirements from federal regulations. She also explained a proposed rule to better define OSHA's enforcement standards, particularly regarding the general duty clause. Jill asked about the implications of these changes for COVID-19 reporting, and Diane confirmed that the changes are effective immediately. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about the timeframes for ODM's review of provider reconsideration requests for recoupment.

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