

Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (11/05/2024)

Quick recap

Pete and Dorinda from the State Auditor's office discussed the team's services and their role in preventing misuse of taxpayer dollars. The team also addressed ongoing cases, including the calculation of rates for Medicaid and the Department of Labor's overtime rule challenge. Lastly, they discussed updates on the Department of Medicaid's new plan, 'Next Generation My Care Ohio', and the upcoming intent to apply deadline for the national quality award.

Next steps

- Providers to consider applying for the National Quality Award by November 14th at 8 PM.
- Providers to continue preparing OSA data unless they have frozen their CMI, pending further guidance on the PDPM transition.
- Providers to prepare for mandatory weekly reporting of COVID, flu, and RSV starting January 1, 2025.
- OHCA to push back on the Ohio Department of Aging's mandate to update navigator information quarterly under threat of license renewal hold.
- Providers to review and evaluate the educational sessions provided by ODH for potential value.
- OHCA to monitor and update members on the mandamus case developments and potential retroactive payments.

Summary

State Auditor's Office Services Discussed

Pete welcomed Dorinda Byers from the State Auditor's office to the Ohca Snp member call. Dorinda shared her team's services, highlighting their role as a watchdog to prevent misuse of taxpayer dollars. She mentioned that her team has recovered over \$20 million in taxpayer funds and has helped local governments improve their operations. Dorinda also discussed the importance of cybersecurity and the team's efforts to prevent cyber attacks. She concluded by mentioning the team's regional liaisons who can provide assistance and information to local governments.

Odh Training Conference Cancellation

In the meeting, DAByers and Mandy discussed the cancellation of the Odh Training Conference due to high interest and the need for a larger venue. They also addressed the issue of post-survey revisits not being performed prior to complaints, which could affect payment dates. Mandy emphasized the importance of notifying them during the

survey timeframe to ensure the issue is addressed. Debbie then provided an update on the mandamus case, expressing excitement about the positive news received.

Medicaid Rate Calculation Case Update

Debbie and Pete discussed the ongoing case against the State regarding the calculation of rates for Medicaid. The court denied the State's motion for a discovery schedule, indicating a potential positive outcome for the plaintiffs. The case is expected to be decided within the next 57 days, with the possibility of oral arguments and a final decision. The implications of a potential win include a possible retroactive adjustment of rates since July 2023, with the State potentially having to recalculate everyone's quality incentive. The total amount involved could be around \$285 million annually. The case's outcome could also impact future negotiations for nursing homes. The team also discussed other ongoing cases, including the minimum staffing lawsuit and the Department of Labor's overtime rule challenge.

Next Generation My Care Ohio Update

Debbie handed over the discussion to Erin, who provided updates on the Department of Medicaid's new plan, 'Next Generation My Care Ohio'. Erin explained that four plans were selected, including Care Source, Buckeye, Anthem, and Molina, and that the plan would not start until January 1st, 2026. She also mentioned that people currently on United Healthcare and Aetna would receive notifications to change their plans. Erin also discussed concerns about the new plan and the potential changes it might bring. She also mentioned that some providers had received amendments from Care Source, but advised them to wait until a contract was executed with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. Lastly, Erin discussed a report from John Bogles on the profitability of nursing homes, highlighting that without public health emergency funds, nursing homes are operating with a negative margin.

National Quality Award and PDPM Update

In the meeting, the team discussed the upcoming intent to apply deadline for the national quality award, encouraging everyone to consider applying. They also addressed the transition to Pdpm, stating that nothing has changed yet and providers should continue with status quo until further notice. The team also discussed a new rule regarding the reporting of respiratory infections, which will be effective from January 1, 2025. Lastly, they discussed the Ohio Department of Aging's new Care Center portal, which will be used for ongoing updates to the navigator, and the potential for license renewal to be held if updates are not made quarterly. The team also addressed questions about the value of the Ohio Department of Health's education sessions.

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