

Summary of OHCA SNF Member Call 01-14-2025

Pete Van Runkle kicked off the call and provided an update on corrections to the January 1 Medicaid rates. We had continued to work with ODM to fix the errors relating to staffing points. Our numbers matched by the end of last week. ODM sent a final version of the rates earlier that day and said they hoped to have them posted to providers' portals by the end of the week.

Diane Dietz announced that the EFOHCA scholarship application period had begun. We would be awarding 79 scholarships totaling more than \$270,000. The deadline was March 15. We sent a poster on the scholarships to all members. Diane encouraged everyone to promote them to their employees.

Erin Hart discussed challenges with billing for the private room add-on. There were three main issues with fee-for-service: billing before January 1; a system error that said the provider was not qualified; and not splitting lines on the claim. The managed care plans were at different stages of readiness. Most were not yet ready to receive claims. For hospice claims, ODM put in place a manual process that would cause payment delays for hospices and SNFs. The managed care plans all agreed on a uniform process involving a modifier, but they were not all ready to receive hospice claims either.

Pete said the executive budget should be out February 3, followed by the actual budget bill a week or two later. He listed committee chairs and other key players in the legislative budget process. The House had adopted the Senate structure of having standing committees hold hearings on the budget instead of subcommittees of Finance.

Debbie Jenkins reported that we were continuing to work with the other SNF associations on a unified set of proposals. The conversations included addressing the 25th percentile cutoff, transition to PDPM, funding for private rooms, and fair rental.

Pete said ODH circulated draft changes to the CON rules. Comments were due by the 17th. The CON statute provided an opportunity to move beds from overbedded counties to certain counties with bed need. Those counties were Franklin, Licking, Delaware, Madison, Union, Warren, Medina, and Lorain. The window for applying started April 1 and continued through the month.