

OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

REIMBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

September 17, 10:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Debbie Jenkins asked anyone calling in by phone to please inform us by email. The grid at the end of these minutes reflects meeting attendance.

Chair Denise Leonard called the meeting to order. Ms. Leonard then reminded the committee of the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality Policies linked to the agenda, then asked for approval of the July 18, 2025 minutes. With no objections, the minutes were approved by consent.

Diane Dietz shared an update on the Writ of Mandamus. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of OHCA, Leading Age Ohio and the Academy, agreeing that the Ohio Department of Medicaid did not calculate the quality incentive payment pool of funding in accordance with statute. However, the state filed a motion for stay and a reconsideration, arguing that it is not clear if the court is ordering the state to recalculate rates back to July 1, 2023 and again arguing that the state does not have the appropriation for the amount required to comply with the court's order. Our attorneys are working on a response but are confident that the Supreme Court's initial decision is solid.

Debbie Jenkins shared updates on various Medicaid claims issues, from Erin Hart, including zero-dollar remits, retroactive dis-enrollments, retroactive patient liability changes and managed care non-invasive vent audits.

Ms. Jenkins informed the committee that ODM released a fact sheet regarding the private room program and statutory requirements for participants to have a policy in place to prioritize placement in a private room based on the medical and psychological needs of the resident and participate in the resident or family satisfaction survey performed each year by the Ohio Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Providers are required to attest in an online portal that they are in compliance with these requirements by October 2, 2025. If providers do not complete this attestation, they will be removed from the private room program and will have to reapply when they are in compliance with the requirements.

Ms. Jenkins then shared a PDPM Fact Sheet released just last week by ODM. The fact sheet confirms that Ohio will transition to 100% PDPM beginning with the rate setting on July 1, 2027. The fact sheet also confirms the case mix multiplier, or conversion factor, will be applied to account for the difference in scoring between RUGS and the nursing component of PDPM.

Tammy Cassidy provided the group with information regarding the case-mix weights that will be utilized for PDPM. The weights that had originally been provided were incorrect and the correct weights are those effective October 1, 2023 or the beginning of federal fiscal year 24. The correct weights were included in last week's *NewsBites*.

Ms. Cassidy then shared an update on the second quarter preliminary case-mix reports. These were originally posted in August, but had multiple errors, mostly residents who were Medicaid eligible which

were not showing on the reports. ODM is rerunning the reports and are supposed to post them in PNM the week of September 22nd. Once released, providers will have one week to correct errors. This is important because once the week passes, the reports will be finalized and used for rate setting.

Ms. Cassidy also shared that exception reviews are set to begin in September. This will be the first time that Myers & Stauffer will be looking at the nursing component of PDPM, as the reviews will be for the second quarter of 2025, which will be used for the PDPM component of rates beginning January 1, 2026. A question was posted regarding best practices and Ms. Cassidy stated she would create an article for *NewsBites* with tips and pointers for exception reviews, including that MDS results should be reproducible.

Ms. Jenkins informed the group that ODM has released proposed revisions to the Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income for Individuals in Medical Institutions. The draft rule includes an increase in the patient needs allowance for SNF and ICF residents from the current \$50/month to \$75/month. While the rule doesn't include a timeline, ODM staff have stated they anticipate this change to be effective January 1, 2026. Additionally, the rule does not include residents in assisted living. OHCA submitted comments with concerns regarding AL residents being excluded from this increase in PNA and the need for parity across settings. OHCA provided a few options for how the state can address an increase in the PNA for AL residents. Edward Beatrice asked about the minimum amount required for an interest-bearing account and while Ms. Leonard thought it was \$50, we agreed to research the rule and follow up with Mr. Beatrice.

Ms. Jenkins then shared that ODM has postponed the implementation of the new cost reporting software. Ms. Jenkins communicated with ODM and they do not currently have a new go-live date, but will provide at least 2 weeks' notice before implementation.

Finally, Ms. Jenkins addressed the FY26 SNF PPS rule, which was finalized after the last Reimbursement Committee meeting. Updates in the rule include a 3.2% market basket, removal of four social determinates of health (SDOH) related measures which were supposed to be added to the SNF QRP in FY27 and no changes to SNF VBP for FY26. Ms. Jenkins shared the AHCA summary of the rule and pointed members to page 13 which includes a nice chart of the measures for the SNF VBP program, which will expand significantly, over the next 4 years.

There being no other business, Ms. Leonard reminded members the next committee meeting will be on October 15 at 10am and adjourned the meeting.

First Name	Last Name	7/18/25	9/17/25
Joe	Abraham	P	P
Jacqueline	Altier		
Steve	Anderson	P	
Bryan	Asher	P	P
Edward	Beatrice		P
Kayla	Bell		
Donna	Bicker		
Jennifer	Bidka	P	P
Stephanie	Blakeman	P	P
Shlomo	Brisk		P

Stephanie	Browning	P	P
Eric	Buls	P	P
Nancy	Burden		P
Kelly	Camp		P
Jennifer	Campbell	P	P
Nathan	Carder		P
Bruce	Carpenter	P	P
Steven	Carrico	P	P
Tammy	Cassidy	P	P
Lisa	Chambers		P
Jennifer	Cidila		
Brian	Coil	P	P
Kimberly	Corrigan	P	
Gabrielle	Corwin		P
Russell	Corwin	P	P
Eli	Coury	P	P
Kristin	Crouch		P
Scott	Cunningham	P	P
Adam	Cusner	P	P
Tracie	D'Amato		
Tammy	Davis		
Tammi	DeSimone	P	P
Diane	Dietz	P	P
Titus	Donnell		
Josh	Dorn		
Mitch	Dreisbach	P	
Matthew	Duddy	P	P
Brian	Dutiel		
David	Elmore	P	P
Jillian	Fingerhut		P
John	Fleischer	P	P
Austin	Gerber		
Michelle	Gill	P	
Priscilla	Glidewell	P	
Brad	Granger	P	P
Nikita	Grimes		
Tiffany	Hall		
Emily	Hand		P
Janet	Harris	P	P
Erin	Hart	P	
Scott	Heichel		P
Nick	Hicks	P	P
Robin	Hillier	P	
Deb	Ifft	P	

Nicole	Jablonski		
Alex	Jarvis		P
Debbie	Jenkins	P	P
Elizabeth	Jones		P
Steve	Katona	P	P
Ben	Kiss		
Sandra	Klepzig		P
Dee	Kostolich		
Jacob	Kries	P	P
Donn	Kump	P	
Boris	Kushnir		P
Tonya	Lambert	P	
Liz	Lane	P	P
Paul	Lang	P	
Matt	Larsh		P
Tim	Lehman		P
Denise	Leonard		P
Will	Levering	P	P
William	Levering		P
Beth	Lind	P	P
Tiffany	Lockhart		
Leslie	Lytle		
Brian	Marrie	P	P
Heidi	McCoy		P
Dianne	McFarland		
Steve	Meyer	P	
Tracy	Mitchell	P	P
Angie	Moore		
Matt	Murray		
Bob	Nedrich	P	P
Rey	Nevarez		
Brian	Newman		P
Daniel	Newman		
Karen	Nofziger		
Barb	Notardonato-Cole	P	P
Rosemary	Orlando, CPA		P
Erin	Overla		
Leslie	Piper		P
Derrick	Ratliff		
Paula	Reape	P	P
Auston	Reaser	P	
Todd	Rice		
Jennifer	Richter		P

Anne Marie	Riley	p	P
Kelly	Roberts		P
Chanda	Robson	p	P
Dominic	Romeo	p	P
Rick	Russo		
Cheryl	Schermerhorn	p	
Jane	Schoof		
Hemant	Shah		P
Tony	Shaw		P
Dwayne	Shepherd	p	P
Mike	Shoffner		
Pauline	Siler	p	
Jessica	Siu		
Pamela	Skrzynski		
Jana	Smith	p	P
Katie	Tira		P
Gina	Toigo	p	
Stephanie	Trainer	p	P
Julie	Uhler	p	
Pete	Van Runkle	p	
Megan	Wahl		
Jessi	Wells	p	P
Matthew	Wine	p	P
Morgan	Wright	p	P
Valerie	Youell	p	P