

**LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF OHIO  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

Pursuant to sections 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (Department) gives notice of the Department's intent to adopt a new methodology to provide Ohio hospitals with additional payments due to the significant and continuing challenges resulting from the public health emergency. These payments are to ensure continued adequate access for Medicaid recipients to inpatient and outpatient services, and the long-term sustainability of hospitals.

The additional payments will be calculated either based on a per-discharge or per-visit amount across all hospitals, or on a per-discharge or per-visit amount across all hospitals in a peer group, as determined by the Department. The Department estimates the average inpatient per-discharge add-on to be \$1,724.00 and the average outpatient per-visit add-on to be \$86.00, which are subject to change based on the final implementation policy.

These additional payments will be distributed to hospitals through one or more of the following methodologies as determined by the Department:

- Per-discharge or per-visit amount added to hospital rates
- Per-discharge or per-visit amount Directed Payments by Managed Care Plans
- Directed Payments by Managed Care Plans
- Directed payments on a quarterly basis not part of standard Managed Care Plan rates

The Department estimates that this will increase annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures for inpatient and outpatient hospital services by \$1.4 billion.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the proposed additional payments methodology, without charge, at the following locations\*:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215;  
or
- Any county department of job and family services; or
- On the internet at  
<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Providers/ProviderTypes/Hospital/Draft5160261.pdf>

Written comments regarding the additional payments methodology may be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attn.: Bureau of Health Plan Policy, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414 and may be reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by e-mail to the following address: [hospital\\_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:hospital_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be submitted no later than January 31, 2021.

\*If you would like to examine the methodology or written comments in person at the department or county, contact the department or county first to schedule an appointment as office hours may be limited or revised from the usual schedule due to COVID-19.