

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

Pursuant to section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) gives final notice of the department's modification of provisions relating to the reimbursement of inpatient hospitals participating in the Medicaid program.

An initial notice was issued on October 16, 2023 to inform the public of proposed changes in the inpatient hospital reimbursement methodology for hospitals participating in the Medicaid program. This final notice reflects the result of the public and legislative processes.

The department has completed rebasing of hospital rates and recalibration of relative weights for the All-Patient Diagnostic Related Groups (APR-DRGs). Additionally, the department has implemented the following changes:

- Increased inpatient payments for mental health (MH) and substance use disorder (SUD) services provided by freestanding psychiatric hospitals and acute care general hospitals.
- Improved inpatient cost coverage for freestanding psychiatric hospitals and acute care general hospitals providing MH and/or SUD services.
- Migrated inpatient payments for MH and SUD services provided by freestanding psychiatric hospitals from the APR-DRG payment methodology to a per diem payment methodology derived from the APR-DRG system.
- Instituted a single capital add-on rate for inpatient fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care discharges.
- Increased reimbursement for neonate all patient refined – diagnostic related groups (APR-DRGs) with major or extreme severity of illness (SOI).
- Reformed the outlier methodology.

If, as an interested party, you need further information regarding the rates for a specific inpatient hospital under these methodologies, you may contact the Hospital Section of the Bureau of Policy and Health Plan Services at: hospital_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov.

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