

FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) gives notice of the department's intent to make an additional disaster relief payment to freestanding dialysis centers (a type of "clinic" under section 1905(a)(9) of the Social Security Act). Specifically, an additional one-time provider relief payment will be made to freestanding dialysis centers that were financially impacted by the pandemic. This payment is required under Am. Sub. H. B. 45 (134th Ohio General Assembly) and Am. Sub. H.B. 101 (135th Ohio General Assembly).

In state fiscal year (SFY) 2025, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will make an additional one-time disaster relief payment to each freestanding dialysis center that meets the following criteria: (1) It is in good standing with the Ohio Department of Health; and (2) it received payment from ODM in SFY 2021.

The percentage of the total budgeted amount allocated to each dialysis center is calculated by dividing (1) the amount paid by fee-for-service Medicaid to the dialysis center for services rendered during the period from 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021 by (2) the total amount paid by fee-for-service Medicaid to all eligible freestanding dialysis centers during that period.

The payment is to be used exclusively for direct care staff compensation, including retention bonus payments, overtime pay and shift differential payments, staff recruitment costs, and incentive payments for new hires. No payment is to be made for services covered under a MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contract.

The department estimates that this additional one-time payment will increase annual Medicaid expenditures for clinic services (freestanding dialysis centers only) by approximately \$3.8 million. These one-time payments will not cause total payments to exceed the FFS upper payment limit (UPL) estimate for fiscal year 2025.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
Any county department of job and family services;
State legislation (House Bill 45, 134th GA, effective April 7, 2023) posted at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/134/hb45>; or
State legislation (House Bill 101, 135th GA, effective January 30, 2024) posted at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb101>

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent 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 at the following address: noninstitutional_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov. Comments must be received by October 25, 2024.

ODM is committed to providing access and inclusion and reasonable accommodation in its services, activities, programs, and employment opportunities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and other applicable laws. To request an interpreter, written information in a language other than English or in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats), or a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact ODM's Civil Rights/ADA Coordinator at 614-995-9981/TTY 711, Fax 1-614-644-1434, or Email: ODM_EEO_EmployeeRelations@medicaid.ohio.gov. If you believe ODM has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way, you can file a grievance with ODM's Civil Rights Coordinator and/or file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. Further information on these processes and ODM's compliance with civil rights and other applicable laws can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).