

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

Pursuant to section 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 modify provisions relating to reimbursement for inpatient hospitals participating in the Medicaid program.

The department is ending the Potentially Preventable Readmissions (PPR) program, which the department had implemented to reduce payment for preventable readmissions. The department used 3M Health Information Systems' PPR software to determine whether a readmission within 30 days of a prior discharge from any hospital was clinically-related and clinically preventable to the initial admission. If a readmission was deemed clinically-related and clinically-preventable within the 30-day window, then a clinically-related readmission chain was established. A hospital that has excess readmissions, which is defined as an actual-to-expected readmission ratio of greater than one, was subject to a reduction of their hospital-specific base rate equal to one percent. The department has not been assessing the penalty since 2019 when it was determined that the software used did not achieve the department's original intended goals. The department has decided to permanently end the program.

Implementation of these changes will not increase annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the policy for the program that is ending, 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://codes.ohio.gov> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-2-14.

Written comments regarding these changes 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 email to the following address: [hospital\\_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:hospital_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be submitted no later than December 7, 2024.

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