

**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 update reimburse for inpatient hospitals participating in the Medicaid program.

Ohio's biennial 2026/2027 budget enacted under Am. Sub. H.B. No. 96 of the 136th General Assembly included provisions to update reimbursement for inpatient hospital services. The department is proposing increases to all in-state hospital peer group base rates, as well as per diem rates for free-standing psychiatric hospitals. Additionally, the department is targeting increases to All-Patient Diagnostic Related Groups (APR-DRGs) relative weights to support efforts aimed at reducing maternal and infant mortality rates and expanding access to behavioral health services.

The following changes are proposed:

Hospital Payment Changes Effective 1/1/2026	
	Inpatient Payments effective 1/1/26
Base Payments	Proposed new peer group base rates: Critical access hospitals increase by 34.56% Rural hospitals increase to 17.53% Children's hospitals increase by 2.36% Teaching hospitals increase 1.55% Urban hospitals increase by 1.62% All other hospitals increase 15.85% Free-standing psych hospitals, per diem rates: Rural hospitals increase by 12.55% Children's hospitals increase by 15.43% Teaching hospitals increase by 15.43% Urban hospitals increase by 15.63%
Relative Weights	APR-DRG version 42 relative weight table: Increased weights for neonates and delivery DRGs by 12.59%, and behavioral health services by 15.51%.
Grouping	Grouped under APR-DRG version 42
Current rates can be found here:	
https://medicaid.ohio.gov/resources-for-providers/billing/fee-schedule-and-rates/schedules-and-rates	

Implementation of these changes is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures for inpatient hospital services by approximately \$289.4 million.

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, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215; or

Any county department of job and family services; or

On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-2-65.

Written comments regarding these changes may be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attn.: Bureau of Health Plan Policy (BHPP), 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. Comments must be submitted no later than **December 5, 2025**.

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