

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 update provisions and reimbursement for outpatient hospital services.

The department is making the following changes:

- Adding eligibility for a new provider specialty, rural emergency hospitals (REH);
- Increasing outpatient base rates for all in-state hospitals;
- Increasing Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Group (EAPG) relative weights for neonates, pregnancy-related services, and behavioral health services; and
- Increasing the flat rate payment amount for dental procedures.

These changes are being made to improve access to care for Ohio's Medicaid population and to increase reimbursement for outpatient hospital services in Ohio.

Implementation of these changes is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures for outpatient hospital services by approximately \$144.3 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, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
Any county department of job and family services; or
On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative
Code rules 5160-2-01, 5160-2-05, & 5160-2-75.

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attn.: Bureau of Health Plan Policy, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414 and may be reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: hospital_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov. Comments must be received by **December 5, 2025**.

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