

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 change its methods and standards for Medicaid payment. In accordance with the budget provisions of Am. Sub H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly, the department will increase payment rates for the providers and services listed below. In addition, the department will allow pharmacists and clinical psychologists to receive payment for professional services provided in hospital settings and allow payment for wastage of single-use drug vials.

1. Tobacco cessation counseling services for pregnant women;
2. Physicians' services;
3. Licensed practitioners' services (including services provided by Non-Physician Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners, Registered Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, APRNs [Certified nurse practitioner, Clinical nurse specialist];
4. Clinic services (including service-based Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (AHCC) services);
5. Prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses;
6. Nurse-midwife services;
7. Certified Pediatric and Family Nurse Practitioners;
8. Freestanding birth center services.

These changes are being made to improve high-quality patient care for pregnancy and prenatal services. Allowing pharmacists and clinical psychologists to provide services in hospital settings provides better care team efficiency to address patient needs which translates to better health outcomes.

Implementation of this change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditure for the providers and services listed above by approximately \$24.9 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 5160-1-60, 5160-8-52, and 5160-10-01.

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: noninstitutional_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov. Comments must be received by **December 5, 2025**.

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