

**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 the reimbursement of nursing facilities participating in the Medicaid program.

**CHANGE IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

The department is proposing to make the following change:

**Change in Quality Payment Rate for Providers that Change Provider Agreements.** The department currently uses the statewide median to determine the quality payment portion of the entering operator's initial rate when a provider changes provider agreements. This is being changed so that the quality payment portion of the entering operator's initial rate now will be the rate the exiting operator would have received if the exiting operator had continued to participate in the Medicaid program. This change is being made to align the department's policy with state statute. The department estimates that implementation of this change will have no impact on annual aggregate expenditures for nursing facility services in state fiscal year 2019.

**PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

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.
- Any county department of job and family services.
- On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-3-65.1.

Written comments regarding these changes may be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attn.: Administrative Professional, Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports, 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: [bhcp@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:bhcp@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be submitted no later than January 18, 2019.