

LEGAL NOTICE
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 initial notice of the Department's intent to modify provisions relating to the outpatient hospital reimbursement methodology for hospitals participating in the Medicaid program.

Proposed Changes to Outpatient Hospital Reimbursement:

The Department of Medicaid is proposing changes to clarify language regarding payments for dental procedures, durable medical equipment and observation services, and to continue to reform and modernize outpatient hospital reimbursement. The formula used to calculate outpatient payments has not changed. The Department will recalibrate relative weights for outpatient services in order to facilitate the move from EAPG version 3.9 to version 3.14. In addition, the Department will apply a budget neutrality factor to all EAPG types and a payment neutrality adjustment to hospital-specific base rates in order to maintain existing payments for Ohio hospitals. The EAPG payment calculation is the hospital-specific base rate adjusted for payment neutrality, multiplied by the EAPG relative weight for which the service was assigned by the EAPG grouper, multiplied by any applicable discounting factor (full payment, consolidation, or packaging), rounded to the nearest whole penny.

The Department estimates that the changes will increase Medicaid expenditures for outpatient hospital services by an annual aggregate amount of \$1,914,000.

The specific payment amounts that will result from these changes will be available upon request by e-mailing a request to the Hospital Section of the Bureau of Health Plan Policy at: hospital_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov.

Any person may examine and obtain copies of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 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 5160-2-75.

Written comments regarding these changes may be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attn.: Hospital Section, 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. Comments must be submitted no later than 11/18/2019.