

## **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 for the Assisted Living (AL), Ohio Home Care (OHC) and PASSPORT waiver programs.

In July 2021, the Ohio General Assembly passed the State's biennium budget for State Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. The department's biennial budget incorporates rate increases for services provided through the AL, OHC and PASSPORT waiver programs. Rate increases for the AL waiver program include a 6.1% increase to the AL service. Rate increases for the PASSPORT and OHC waiver programs include a 6.1% increase for waiver nursing, personal care, home care attendant, and homemaker services, a 25% increase for adult day services and a 10.76% increase for home delivered meals: regular/standard.

Implementation of this change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures for the AL waiver program by approximately \$3,000,000, the OHC waiver program by approximately \$7,000,000 and the PASSPORT waiver program by approximately \$18,000,000.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes by visiting the following locations\*:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
- Any county department of job and family services;
- On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching the following Ohio Administrative Code rules:
  - 5160-01-06.5 for the AL waiver program
  - 5160-46-06 and 5160-46-06.1 for the OHC waiver program; and
  - 5160-1-06.1 for the PASSPORT waiver program; or
- On the internet at <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/medicaid/about-us/notices/public-notices> and selecting the following public notice titles:
  - Assisted Living Waiver Amendment
  - Ohio Home Care Waiver Amendment
  - PASSPORT Waiver Amendment

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attention.: **Home and Community Based Policy Team, Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports** 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: [HCBSPolicy@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:HCBSPolicy@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be received by **September 30, 2021**.

\*If you would like to review the changes or written comments in person at the department or county, contact the department or county first to schedule an appointment, as office hours may be limited or revised from the usual schedule due to COVID-19.