

**LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF OHIO  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

Pursuant to section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) gives final notice of the department's modification of provisions relating to the reimbursement of nursing facilities participating in the Medicaid program.

An initial notice was issued on November 12, 2024 to inform the public of proposed changes in reimbursement to nursing facilities for Medicaid services. This final notice reflects the result of the public and legislative processes.

In accordance with provisions in Substitute Senate Bill 144 of the 135<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly, a nursing facility that undergoes a change of owner with an effective date of July 1, 2023 or later shall not receive a quality incentive payment as part of the per diem reimbursement rate until the earlier of the first day of January or the first day of July that is at least six months after the effective date of the change of owner if, within one year after the change of owner, there is an increase in the lease payments or other financial obligations of the operator to the owner above payment or obligations specified by the agreement between the previous owner and the operator. Thereafter, any quality incentive payments for the facility shall be determined under the standard reimbursement methodology for all nursing facilities.

If, as an interested party, you need further information regarding the rates for a specific nursing facility under these methodologies, you may contact [NFRatesetting@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:NFRatesetting@medicaid.ohio.gov).

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