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 intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) participating in the Medicaid program.

The modifications are proposed amendments to the Ohio Revised Code that will impact the way ICF/IIDs are reimbursed for services rendered to Medicaid recipients in state fiscal year 2026. The proposed amendments were included in legislation by the Ohio General Assembly for the fiscal year 2026 state of Ohio budget (Am. Sub. H.B. 96). With this notice, the department is initiating a public input process on these amendments.

The proposed amendments will increase the ICF/IID rates for all ICF/IIDs participating in the Ohio Medicaid program on July 1, 2025 by an estimated average of 12% over the average Medicaid per diem rate in effect for the ICF/IID on July 1, 2025. The rates for SFY 2026 reflect cost report data that considers current provider costs, assessments, inflation factors, and rate setting calculations performed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. This change is necessary to comply with the amendments in Am. Sub. H.B. 96.

The department estimates that rates for SFY 2026 will increase the state's annual aggregate expenditures for ICF-IIDs by approximately \$97 million which includes an additional \$54.5 million for a direct care add on for the purposes of stabilizing the direct care workforce crisis.

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; or Any county department of job and family services; or on the internet at House Bill 96 | 136th General Assembly | Ohio Legislature.

Written comments regarding these changes may be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attn: Carolyn Humphrey, Medicaid Health Systems Administrator, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio and may be reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by email to the following address: carolyn.humphrey@medicaid.ohio.gov. Comments must be submitted no later than **June 30, 2025**.

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