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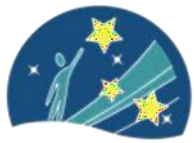
## 1. New Updates



Effective 5/14/2026 through 11/14/2026: In accordance with CMS-6101-N and 42 CFR 455.470, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is implementing a moratorium on the enrollment of Home Health and Hospice providers. During this period, ODM will not accept new Medicaid enrollment applications for Hospice or Home Health Agencies, Waiver Individuals and Organizations, Private Duty Nurses, Personal Care Aides and Home Care Attendants. For more information, visit the [ODM website](#).

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- Just last week Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that he is implementing several new fraud prevention initiatives to strengthen and build-upon long-standing efforts to fight fraud, waste, and abuse in the Ohio Medicaid system
- **Statewide New Provider Moratorium**-The Ohio Department of Medicaid will today ask the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) so Ohio may implement a six-month moratorium on new home-healthcare and hospice businesses being able to become Medicaid providers. This will allow Ohio Medicaid to stop enrollment of new providers and assess existing providers to help remove those at high risk for having committed fraud.
- **Immediate Payment Suspension to High-Risk Providers**-Ohio Medicaid will today begin a policy of immediately removing and suspending payment to providers whose billing practices show "red flags" that indicate a high probability of fraud. Ohio Medicaid already has a robust payment suspension protocol that is currently used to stop payments to questionable providers. In January, Ohio Medicaid began the process of implementing new data analytics tools to help identify billing data anomalies that could better identify fraud. To date, this process has identified 87 providers who will be subject to further review and potential payment suspension.
- **Executive Order for Emergency Rules**- The Governor will be issuing an Executive Order that will allow the Ohio Department of Medicaid to implement emergency rules to require more frequent revalidation of providers being identified as higher-risk for committing fraud. Governor DeWine sent a letter to CMS on May 1 committing Ohio to partnering with the Trump Administration and using a more stringent revalidation process to better prevent fraud.
- **Mandatory GPS Requirement for Electronic Visit Verification**-Ohio Medicaid will file rules to require GPS for all providers using Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). Since March 2025, Ohio Medicaid has begun phasing in EVV as a mandatory requirement for home



healthcare provider payment. In December, DeWine authorized Ohio Medicaid to begin the information technology investments needed to make GPS mandatory for EVV. Ohio Medicaid now ready to make this rule change to implement the requirement. Ohio Medicaid has worked collaboratively with Ohio Auditor Keith Faber on identifying solutions to issues identified in the Auditor's audits of Ohio Medicaid, and this new rule will implement a key recommendation of the audits.

- **Mandatory EVV for Live-In Caregivers-** Ohio Medicaid will begin the rulemaking process to require live-in caregivers to use EVV during home healthcare and as a requirement for payment. Currently, family and live-in caregivers are exempt from this requirement.

[Click here for the News Release](#)

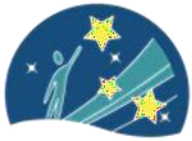
[DODD ANNOUNCEMENT – Memo Monday 5.15.2026](#)

## **2. Health and Welfare Alerts- Follow up from recent Stakeholder Meeting**

- [Preventing and Reporting Abuse](#)
- [Choking](#)

## **3. Remember to Keep Your PNM & OhioPays Information Current**

- A recent issue highlighted the importance of keeping information up to date in both systems: a provider updated their address in the DODD Provider Network Management (PNM) portal and later noticed their reimbursement was not deposited as expected.
- To ensure timely and accurate payments, remember any address updates made in the DODD Provider Network Management (PNM) portal must also be updated in the OhioPays portal.
- The OhioPays (Supplier Portal) address is used for payment processing and mailing purposes. Keeping both systems aligned is your responsibility and helps prevent delays in receiving payments.
- DODD: Update your physical, billing, or provider address in the PNM portal.  
OhioPays: Confirm your billing and payment addresses match what is listed in PNM, as this is where payments and checks are sent.
- Banking Changes: If you update your bank information, be sure to update it in OhioPays as well. Note that changes may result in a temporary switch to paper check payments while updates are processed.
- Maintaining accurate and up-to-date contact information in both systems is essential for compliance with provider requirements and to avoid interruptions in direct deposit payments.



#### **4. SWOCOG TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

##### **----Creative and Innovative Thinking in the Workplace- FREE TRAINING**

**9 AM - 12 PM on May 27, 2026**

- This interactive and innovative workshop is for all levels of employees that helps develop and sharpen their creative thinking and problem-solving ability.
- Participants will work on solving fun and challenging brainteasers.
- Additionally, barriers and how to think more creatively will be discussed.

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Come join this fun, educational and insightful workshop!

##### **---Leading More with Less in a VUCA World- FREE TRAINING**

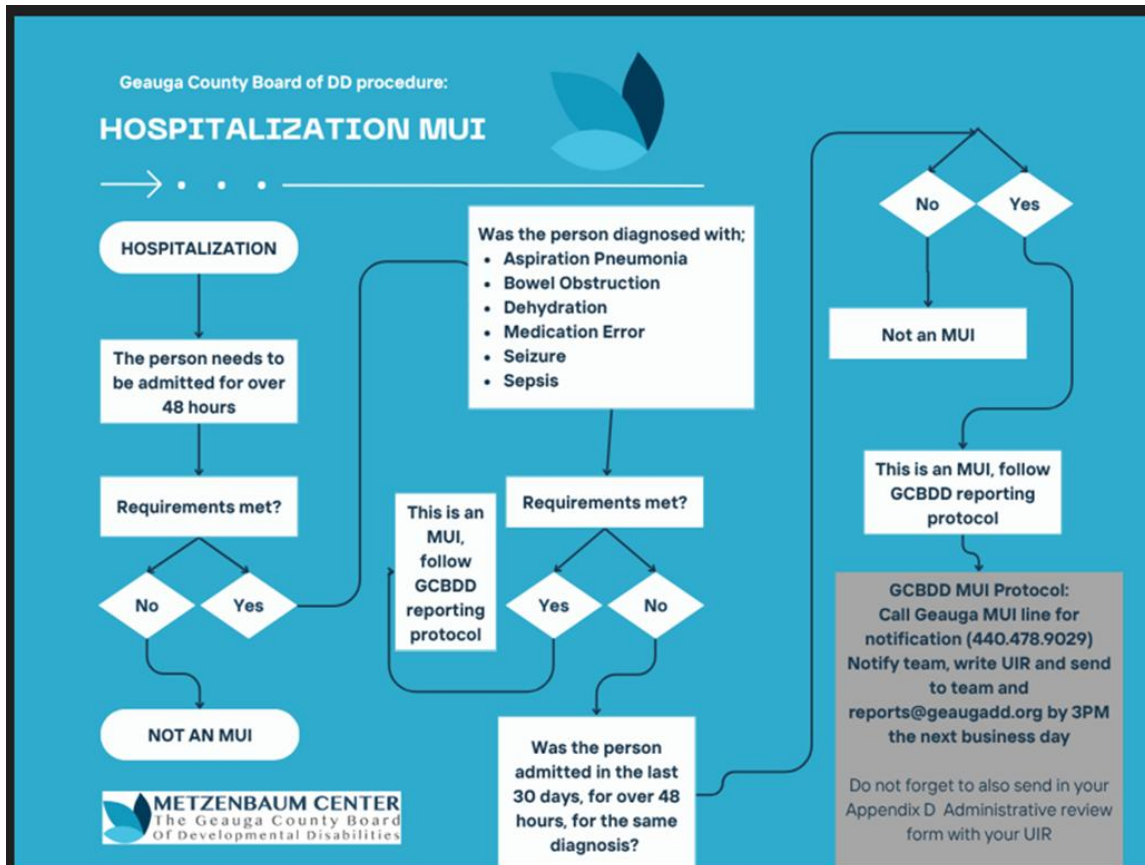
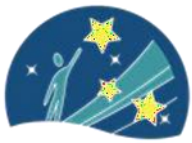
**1PM-4 PM on May 27, 2026**

- This session will help managers strengthen their leadership approach during times of financial pressure and uncertainty.
- An introduction to the concept of VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity) will be discussed in this strategic session.

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#### **5. Hospitalization Tree and Appendixes for MUIs**

- The revised rule went into effect July 1, 2025
- All updated resources including Frequently Asked Questions, Interpretative Guidelines, Forms and Training are available **[here.](#)**
- With the changes additional forms were created and are mandatory to complete when necessary.
- **[MUI FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)**
- **[APPENDIX C](#)**
- **[APPENDIX D](#)**
- **[APPENDIX E](#)**



## 6. Reminders – Accurate Billing

- Each billing claim must be supported by accurate and complete service documentation.. Common risks include:

Billing the incorrect group size (e.g., billing 1:1 while supporting multiple individuals at the same time)

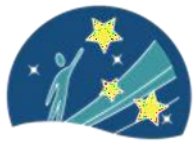
Rounding up mileage/always billing the exact same miles (e.g., 25 miles a day)

Billing for days or times when services were not provided

Billing for extra units (i.e., padding time)

Billing a full shift when there were gaps in coverage (e.g., staff left and returned later)

As an Agency or Independent provider, you are responsible for self-auditing and ensuring you bill accurately for services that were delivered.



Your billing must match your service documentation, and you must ensure you are billing the correct group size/staffing ratio. If staff leave mid-shift for any reason, they must clock out, and the service documentation should clearly reflect any gaps in coverage.

Corrections to inaccurate billing should be made as soon as possible following the error.

## **7. NEW LOOK for COST PROJECTION REPORTS**

- As fiscal starts entering PAWS into the new MSS system in the state system, you may notice a new look to the Cost Projection Tool (CPT) sent out to you with your OhioISP. These CPTs should be more detailed and give you more information regarding the breakdown of your services for each fiscal split. If you need assistance will reviewing the CPT when you receive it, please reach out to one of us and we will be happy to review it with you.

## **8. Save the Date: Disability Connect and Family Connection Forum Combined Event**

- Join DODD on July 14, 2026, for a combined Disability Connect and Family Connection Forum event.
- This in-person opportunity will include updates from DODD leaders and divisions. Attendees will also take part in activities to share ideas and help build connections in the community.

Date: July 14, 2026

Time: 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety

1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43223

Lunch will be provided. Free parking is available. ASL and CART services will be offered.

## **9. IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING TRAININGS**

- a. May 25, 2026 AGENCY CLOSED
- b. June 2, 2026- ANNUAL 8 HOUR TRAINING. ONLY OFFERED 4x/year Check Calendar for new dates!
- c. June 9, 2026 CPR
- d. June 19, 2026 AGENCY CLOSED
- e. July 14, 2026 CPR
- f. July 21, 2026 PROVIDER MEETING