

Frequently Asked Questions: Nursing Facility Provider Payment Changes

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The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) is restructuring the timing of payments across all state agencies. Specifically, Nursing Facility payments will occur approximately two weeks later than normal on an ongoing basis beginning in November 2017, in order to synchronize with managed care plan payments. Please see the questions we have received from Providers below.

1. Is the current schedule that nursing facilities are paid on the second Thursday of the month (which may or may not be in the first full week)? Nursing facilities are paid the following Thursday for any claims submitted by the previous Wednesday.

Beginning in November, no payment will occur earlier than the third Thursday of the month.

2. What is the cutoff for billing if nursing facilities will be paid on Thursday of the third full week, and will the payment date still be Thursday?

The cutoff for billing will be Wednesday before the second Thursday of the month in order to receive payment on the third Thursday of the month.

3. Currently, nursing facilities can bill for newly eligible Medicaid beneficiaries at any time and are paid on the following Thursday (or, if the claim is submitted after Thursday, the Thursday after the following Thursday). What is the process for these individuals under the new schedule?

Please see the previous answers.

4. The schedule for paying the bed tax (the 15th of the month) was designed with the date nursing facilities receive their Medicaid payments in mind. Now that the payment date is changing, shouldn't the due date for the bed tax change too, so that it will continue to be after the payment date (this would take a statute change)?

This payment is not being affected by the claims payment change.

5. When will EDI Trading Partners and other interested parties be informed of the nursing facility payment change and the revised calendar? Will the revised calendar include the holiday payment schedule?

The calendar has been updated on our website and an email was sent on 10/16/17 to ALL Trading Partners, included Managed Care Plans. The calendar can be found at the following link:
<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/PROVIDERS/Billing/TradingPartners.aspx>

6. Will nursing facilities be able to adjust or resubmit claims that are submitted and appear to be processed in MITS but not yet paid to the nursing facility?

Yes

7. If a claim can be adjusted or resubmitted before the nursing facilities has been paid for that claim, will both claims appear on the same remittance advice and be paid in Week Three?

Yes

8. What if a nursing facility does not submit their claims until the second week of the month? Will those claims be paid in Week Three or will the payment be deferred until the following month?

If submitted in week two before Wednesday of that week, the payment will occur in week three.

9. Will nursing facilities receive a remittance advice and payment only in week three regardless of when claims are submitted or adjusted?

The remittance advice will match the payment when paid. The remittance advice will reflect all claims included in the payment and will be issued on Monday of payment week. If that Monday is a Holiday, the remittance advice will be available on Tuesday.