

# Nursing Facility QIP & Supreme Court Mandamus

## Fact Sheet



### What is the Quality Incentive Payment?

The quality incentive payment (QIP) is one part of the Medicaid reimbursement formula for Ohio nursing homes which rewards high-performing nursing homes with higher per-diem payments. It has been a feature of the nursing home reimbursement formula since 2019, and the amount of funds dedicated to the QIP has grown from 2019 to present-day.

### What Happened

- Following the 2023 biennial budget process, nursing home advocates learned that the Department of Medicaid had misinterpreted the statutory language governing the QIP calculation and as a result, underestimated the amount that should be allocated to nursing homes.
- Despite advocacy efforts throughout 2023, the Department of Medicaid refused to change its interpretation of the statute. LeadingAge Ohio, the Ohio Healthcare Association and the Academy for Senior Health Sciences – Ohio's three associations representing nursing homes-- filed lawsuit in February 2024 on behalf of their members.
- In September 2025, the Ohio Supreme Court unanimously granted a writ of mandamus requiring ODM to apply the nursing facility payment statute as enacted. The ruling affirmed that ODM's prior calculation was inconsistent with statute.
- On November 19, 2025, the legislature passed HB184, which included language to affirm the Ohio Department of Medicaid's methodology moving forward from the effective date of the bill, March 19, 2026.

### Current Status

- Both the Department of Medicaid and General Assembly leaders have acknowledged the state's obligation to nursing homes for past and current payments owed.
- To date, the Department of Medicaid and the General Assembly have not conferred on their plans for meeting this obligation

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### Why This Matters

- Providers have absorbed significant losses in the intervening years, which should have been reinvested in staffing, facility improvements, and other supports.

### Our Request

- Your support in ensuring that the General Assembly appropriates the necessary funds so that Medicaid can issue the quality payments owed and enable providers to continue delivering high-quality care for older Ohioans in your district.