

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIVING LIFE (OLL) NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS OLL?

Opportunities for Living Life, OLL is charged with developing, operating and administering new program initiatives that meet the ever changing health care delivery system, while ensuring that such programs and policies meet all applicable laws and regulation, and guidelines. Additionally, OLL is charged with developing collaboration among state and private agencies, community organization, stakeholders in creating a system of healthcare, long-term care support and home and community based services support that meets the needs of every Oklahoma citizen.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- What is OLL?
- Survey on "One-Stop" incentive being distributed
- Survey on Incentive-based Reimbursement being distributed
- Overview of the Long-Term Care component of House Bill 2842
- Overview of the Opportunities for Independent Living Act Senate Bill 2017

SURVEY ON "ONE-STOP" CONCEPT

OHCA, with assistance from researchers at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, has recently distributed a survey to advocacy groups, associations, and state agencies within the state to gather feedback and suggestions about a "One-Stop" incentive.

SURVEY ON INCENTIVE-BASED REIMBURSEMENT

OHCA, with assistance from researchers at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, has recently distributed a survey to all nursing facilities in the state to gather feedback and suggestions about a reimbursement schedule that would reward facilities providing the highest quality services. Quality measures could include, but would not be limited to:

- Family and resident satisfaction
- High rates of direct staffing
- High Medicaid occupancy
- Life and safety code compliance
- Results from annual Health Dept. survey
- Low utilization of agency staffing
- Person-centered care
- Quality improvement

When you receive the survey, please complete it quickly and return it to the researchers, who will analyze the results and report to OHCA. Results will be reported in aggregate, and will be used to create an incentive-based reimbursement system.

MEDICAID REFORM BILL TO CREATE A QUALITY-BASED REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM FOR NURSING FACILITIES

On June 9, 2006, Governor Brad Henry signed the Medicaid Reform Bill (HB 2842), which charges the Oklahoma Health Care Authority with implementing several measures to curb costs and expand patient options and access to care. Section 5 of HB 2842 instructs the OHCA, in cooperation with other state part-

ners, to develop "an incentive reimbursement rate plan" for nursing facilities. Quality measures may include, but not limited to:

- Quality of life indicators,
- Quality of care indicators,
- Family and resident satisfaction,
- Health Department survey result,

- Employee satisfaction,
 - Training and education
 - Patient acuity.
- OHCA is also to develop a pay-for-performance reimbursement structure for nursing facility care providers. A survey to gather feedback on an incentive reimbursement system has recently been sent to all nursing facilities .

Be sure to complete the Nursing Facility Provider Survey and the "One-Stop"

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SENATE BILL 2017 THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING ACT

Passed in May, 2006, the Opportunities for Independent Living Act (SB 2017) charges with Oklahoma Health Care Authority with broad responsibilities focused on individuals with disabilities. OHCA is instructed to support service delivery systems for individuals "ensuring that the individuals, their families, or guardians are well informed as to the types of services and resources available.," and to encourage independence, self-esteem, self-worth, and self-choice, regardless of the severity of the disability.

The Act created a Strategic Planning Committee on the Olmstead Decision, which upholds the Americans with Disabilities Act, by affirming the right of individuals with disabilities to live in their community. As part of the Oklahoma Opportunities for Independent Living Act, OHCA and the Department of Human Services Aging Division will initiate a 3 year pilot program to test methods that would identify individuals who prefer to receive services in a community setting and eliminate barriers so individuals with disabilities currently living in institutions to transition into the community. Program components could include:

- establishing a presence in hospitals to reduce inappropriate hospitalizations,
- paying rent and utility deposits,
- purchase initial household supplies, furniture, and appliances,
- pay moving expenses, and
- ensure access to safe, affordable housing.



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