

## **COVID Relief under Appendix ‘K’ Fact Sheet/Talking Points**

The Governor’s Administration has pursued an opportunity through CMS to make a special type of COVID relief payments to available providers of waiver services:

- The Ohio Department of Medicaid will make direct payments to providers of waiver services to providers of specific waiver services under the Ohio Home Care waiver, the MyCare waiver, and waivers administered by the Ohio Department of Aging
- The amount of each eligible provider’s payment will be calculated as a percentage of the total amount of paid claims for waiver nursing, personal care, and home care attendant for dates of service from 8/1/2020 through 10/31/2020.
- These are one-time payments and no other actions are required by the provider to receive payment.”
- This effort is separate from, but in tandem with, a parallel initiative by DODD.

### **Who will get relief payments?**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid will issue COVID relief payments to individual providers of particular services under the following waivers:

- Ohio Home Care
- PASSPORT
- MyCare (HCBS)

Specifically, those payments will be issued to individual providers of these services :

- Waiver Nursing
- Personal Care
- Home Care Attendant

*Note: “Individual Providers” include single agency or non-agency providers, i.e., any provider with a unique Medicaid Provider ID.*

### **How many providers will get a relief payment?**

- 3,475 (unduplicated) providers will be eligible for a relief payment
- 1,375 providers of OHC waiver services will be eligible for a relief payment
- 1,192 providers of ODA waiver services will be eligible for a relief payment
- 1,837 providers of MyCare waiver services will be eligible for a relief payment

### **How large will the relief payments be?**

- Total payments are potentially \$28 million
- The average amount to be paid will be \$8,000
- The lowest amount to be paid will be \$100

**How were the provider-specific amounts or relief determined?**

- Provider-specific data was extracted from Paid Claims and Encounters for the eligible services
- The selected claims or encounters had dates of service between August 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020
- The provider-specific totals were multiplied times 16%
- Amounts under \$100 were rounded up to \$100

**How will notice to these relief payments be communicated?**

- MITS Remittance Banner
- ODM and ODA websites
- IVR
- Script Message: ODM Provider Hotline
- Direct Communications with stakeholders