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SUMMARY

- Appropriates \$300 million in federal funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to be used to provide a one-time payment to Ohio nursing facilities.
- Specifies how a nursing facility's payment amount is to be calculated.
- Requires the payments to be made by December 31, 2021, to the nursing facility provider on record as of October 1, 2021.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Nursing facility one-time payment

The bill appropriates \$300 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, which is comprised of federal funds and was authorized under the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021"¹ (ARPA). That act provided economic relief to individuals and businesses from the effects of COVID-19.² The bill requires that the appropriated funds be used to provide a one-time payment to Ohio nursing facilities.³

Payment amount

The bill specifies that a nursing facility's payment amount be calculated using the following steps:

¹ Pub. Law 117-2.

² The White House, *American Rescue Plan*, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/american-rescue-plan/>.

³ Section 2(B).

1. Determine the percentage sufficient to distribute the appropriated funds to all Ohio nursing facilities; and
2. Multiply that percentage by the per Medicaid day payment rate for each nursing facility, as of July 1, 2021.

The per Medicaid day payment rate under step (2) above must include Medicaid days for beds occupied by care management system enrollees, based on 2020 year cost report data submitted by the facility to the Department of Medicaid (ODM) as required under continuing law.⁴ If a facility did not submit a full year of 2020 cost report data, ODM must determine the number of Medicaid days for that facility in 2020 based on the facility's number of licensed beds, adjusted for the facility's occupancy and Medicaid utilization.⁵

Timing of distribution

The bill requires ODM to distribute the appropriated funds as nursing facility payments by December 31, 2021. The payment must be made to the nursing facility provider on record as of October 1, 2021.⁶

HISTORY

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⁴ Section 2(B).

⁵ Section 2(C).

⁶ Section 2(D).