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To amend sections 5165.06, 5165.151, 5165.158, 1  
5165.19, 5165.26, and 5165.36 and to enact 2  
section 5165.061 of the Revised Code to make 3  
various changes to the law governing nursing 4  
facilities in the Medicaid program. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 5165.06, 5165.151, 5165.158, 6  
5165.19, 5165.26, and 5165.36 be amended and section 5165.061 of 7  
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 5165.06.** Subject to ~~section~~sections 5165.061 and 9  
5165.072 of the Revised Code, an operator is eligible to enter 10  
into and retain a provider agreement for a nursing facility if 11  
all of the following apply: 12

(A) The nursing facility is certified by the director of 13  
health for participation in medicaid; 14

(B) The nursing facility is licensed by the director of 15  
health as a nursing home if so required by law and the operator 16  
is the licensed operator of the nursing home; 17

(C) The operator and nursing facility comply with all 18  
applicable state and federal laws and rules. 19

Sec. 5165.061. (A) An operator is not eligible to enter 20  
into a provider agreement for a nursing facility under section 21  
5165.06 of the Revised Code for a period of five years after the 22  
last effective date of a change of operator for the nursing 23  
facility if the effective date of the change of operator occurs 24  
after the effective date of this section. 25

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the 26  
department of medicaid may permit an operator to enter into a 27  
provider agreement for a nursing facility if the department 28  
determines, in accordance with rules authorized under section 29  
5165.02 of the Revised Code, that there is an emergency that is 30  
not a fiscal emergency that necessitates an operator entering 31  
into a provider agreement. 32

**Sec. 5165.151. (A)** The total per medicaid day payment rate 33  
determined under section 5165.15 of the Revised Code shall not 34  
be the initial rate for nursing facility services provided by a 35  
new nursing facility. Instead, the initial total per medicaid 36  
day payment rate for nursing facility services provided by a new 37  
nursing facility shall be determined in the following manner: 38

(1) The initial rate for ancillary and support costs shall 39  
be the rate for the new nursing facility's peer group determined 40  
under division (C) of section 5165.16 of the Revised Code. 41

(2) The initial rate for capital costs shall be the rate 42  
for the new nursing facility's peer group determined under 43  
division (C) of section 5165.17 of the Revised Code; 44

(3) The initial rate for direct care costs shall be the 45  
product of the cost per case-mix unit determined under division 46  
(C) of section 5165.19 of the Revised Code for the new nursing 47  
facility's peer group and the new nursing facility's case-mix 48

score determined under division (B) of this section. 49

(4) The initial rate for tax costs shall be the following: 50

(a) If the provider of the new nursing facility submits to 51  
the department of medicaid the nursing facility's projected tax 52  
costs for the calendar year in which the provider obtains an 53  
initial provider agreement for the new nursing facility, an 54  
amount determined by dividing those projected tax costs by the 55  
number of inpatient days the nursing facility would have for 56  
that calendar year if its occupancy rate were one hundred per 57  
cent; 58

(b) If division (A) (4) (a) of this section does not apply, 59  
the median rate for tax costs for the new nursing facility's 60  
peer group in which the nursing facility is placed under 61  
division (B) of section 5165.16 of the Revised Code. 62

(5) The initial quality incentive payment rate for the new 63  
nursing facility shall be the amount determined under section 64  
5165.26 of the Revised Code. 65

(6) Sixteen dollars and forty-four cents shall be added to 66  
the sum of the rates and payment specified in divisions (A) (1) 67  
to (5) of this section. 68

(B) For the purpose of division (A) (3) of this section, a 69  
new nursing facility's case-mix score shall be the following: 70

(1) Unless the new nursing facility replaces an existing 71  
nursing facility that participated in the medicaid program 72  
immediately before the new nursing facility begins participating 73  
in the medicaid program, the median annual average case-mix 74  
score that includes each resident who is a medicaid recipient 75  
and is not a low case-mix resident for the new nursing 76  
facility's peer group. 77

(2) If the nursing facility replaces an existing nursing facility that participated in the medicaid program immediately before the new nursing facility begins participating in the medicaid program, the semiannual case-mix score most recently determined under section 5165.192 of the Revised Code for the replaced nursing facility as adjusted, if necessary, to reflect any difference in the number of beds in the replaced and new nursing facilities.

(C) Subject to division (D) of this section, the department of medicaid shall adjust the rates established under division (A) of this section effective the first day of July, to reflect new rate calculations for all nursing facilities under this chapter.

(D) If a rate for direct care costs is determined under this section for a new nursing facility ~~using the median annual average case-mix score for the new nursing facility's peer group~~ under division (B)(1) of this section, the rate shall be redetermined to reflect the new nursing facility's actual ~~semiannual average~~ quarterly case-mix score determined under section 5165.192 of the Revised Code after the new nursing facility submits its first ~~two~~ quarterly assessment data that ~~qualify~~ qualifies for use in calculating a case-mix score in accordance with rules authorized by section 5165.192 of the Revised Code. If the new nursing facility's quarterly ~~submissions do~~ submission does not qualify for use in calculating a case-mix score, the department shall continue to use the median annual average case-mix score for the new nursing facility's peer group under division (B)(1) of this section in lieu of the new nursing facility's ~~semiannual~~ quarterly case-mix score until the new nursing facility submits ~~two consecutive~~ quarterly assessment data that ~~qualify~~ qualifies for use in

calculating a case-mix score. 109

**Sec. 5165.158.** (A) As used in this section: 110

(1) "Category one private room" means a private room that 111  
has unshared access to a toilet and sink. 112

(2) "Category two private room" means a private room that 113  
has shared access to a toilet and sink. 114

(B) ~~Beginning six months following approval by the United~~ 115  
~~States centers for medicare and medicaid services or on the~~ 116  
~~effective date of applicable department of medicaid rules,~~ 117  
~~whichever is later, but not sooner than April 1, 2024, the~~ The 118  
total per medicaid day payment rate for nursing facility 119  
services provided ~~on or after that date~~ in private rooms 120  
approved by the department of medicaid under division (C) of 121  
this section shall be the sum of both of the following: 122

(1) The total per medicaid day payment rate determined for 123  
the nursing facility under section 5165.15 of the Revised Code; 124

(2) The private room incentive payment. The private room 125  
incentive payment shall be thirty dollars per day for a category 126  
one private room and twenty dollars per day for a category two 127  
private room, beginning in state fiscal year 2024. The 128  
department may increase the payment amount for subsequent fiscal 129  
years. 130

(C) (1) The department shall approve rooms in nursing 131  
facilities to qualify for the rate described in division (B) of 132  
this section. A nursing facility provider shall apply for 133  
approval of its private rooms by submitting an application in 134  
the form and manner prescribed by the department. ~~The department~~ 135  
~~shall begin accepting applications for approval of category one~~ 136  
~~private rooms on January 1, 2024, and category two private rooms~~ 137

~~on March 1, 2024.~~ The department may specify evidence that an 138  
applicant must supply to demonstrate that a room meets the 139  
definition of a private room under section 5165.01 of the 140  
Revised Code and may conduct an on-site inspection of the room 141  
to verify that it meets the definition. Subject to ~~division~~ 142  
divisions (C) (2) and (3) of this section, the department shall 143  
approve an application if the rooms included in the application 144  
meet the definition of a private room under section 5165.01 of 145  
the Revised Code. 146

(2) The department shall only consider applications that 147  
meet the following criteria: 148

(a) Private rooms that are in existence on July 1, 2023, 149  
in facilities where all of the licensed beds are in service on 150  
the application date; 151

(b) Private rooms created by surrendering licensed beds 152  
from its licensed capacity, or, if the facility does not hold a 153  
license, surrendering beds that have been certified by CMS. A 154  
nursing facility where the beds are owned by a county and the 155  
facility is operated by a person other than the county may 156  
satisfy this requirement by removing beds from service. 157

(c) Private rooms created by adding space to the nursing 158  
facility or renovating nonbedroom space, without increasing the 159  
total licensed bed capacity; 160

(d) A nursing facility licensed after July 1, 2023, in 161  
which all licensed beds are in service on the application date 162  
or in which private rooms were created by surrendering licensed 163  
beds from its licensed capacity. 164

(3) Notwithstanding division (C) (2) of this section, the 165  
department shall approve an application for private rooms 166

submitted by a newly constructed nursing facility that was 167  
initially licensed on or after July 1, 2023, in which all 168  
licensed beds in the facility are located in category one 169  
private rooms. 170

(4) The department may specify evidence that an applicant 171  
must supply to demonstrate that it meets the conditions 172  
specified in division (C) (2) or (3) of this section and may 173  
conduct an on-site inspection to verify that the conditions are 174  
met. 175

~~(4)~~(5) The department ~~may~~shall deny an application if the 176  
department determines that any of the following circumstances 177  
apply: 178

(a) The rooms included in the application do not meet the 179  
definition of a private room under section 5165.01 of the 180  
Revised Code; 181

(b) The rooms included in the application do not meet the 182  
criteria specified in division (C) (2) of this section; 183

(c) The applicant created private rooms by reducing the 184  
number of available beds without surrendering the beds, and 185  
surrender of the beds is required by this section; 186

(d) ~~Approval~~Except for applications that are approved 187  
under division (C) (3) of this section, approval of the room 188  
would cause projected expenditures for private room incentive 189  
payments under this section for the fiscal year to exceed ~~forty-~~ 190  
~~million dollars in fiscal year 2024 or one hundred sixty million~~ 191  
~~dollars in fiscal year 2025 or subsequent fiscal years.~~ In 192  
projecting expenditures for private room incentive payments, the 193  
department shall use a medicaid utilization percentage of fifty 194  
per cent. If the department determines that there are more 195

approvable eligible applications submitted than can be 196  
accommodated within the applicable spending limit specified in 197  
this division, the department shall prioritize category one 198  
private rooms. 199

(e) On the application date, the nursing facility is 200  
listed on table A or table D of the SFF list, as defined in 201  
section 5165.01 of the Revised Code or is designated as having a 202  
one-star overall rating in the United States centers for 203  
medicare and medicaid services nursing facility five-star 204  
quality rating system known as care compare. 205

~~(5) Beginning July 1, 2025, to~~ (6) To retain eligibility 206  
for private room rates, a nursing facility must do ~~both~~ all of 207  
the following: 208

(a) Have a policy in place to prioritize placement in a 209  
private room based on the medical and psychosocial needs of the 210  
resident; 211

(b) Participate in the resident or family satisfaction 212  
survey performed pursuant to section 173.47 of the Revised Code; 213

(c) Except for a new nursing facility that has not yet 214  
received its first star rating, maintain a two-star or greater 215  
overall rating in the United States centers for medicare and 216  
medicaid services nursing facility five-star quality rating 217  
system known as compare care; 218

(d) Not be listed on table A or table D of the SFF list, 219  
as defined in section 5165.26 of the Revised Code. 220

~~(6) The department shall hold all applications for a~~ 221  
~~private room incentive payment in a pending status until the~~ 222  
~~United States centers for medicare and medicaid services~~ 223  
~~approves private room incentive payments and the department~~ 224

~~determines a facility is qualified for the payment. An~~ 225  
~~application in pending status shall be included in the payment~~ 226  
~~cap described in division (C) (4) (d) of this section as if the~~ 227  
~~application were approved.~~ 228

(7) If a nursing facility approved for private rooms under 229  
this section becomes ineligible to receive private room 230  
incentive payments under division (C) (6) of this section, the 231  
nursing facility's approval for private rooms under this section 232  
shall be deemed withdrawn as of the date the ineligibility 233  
occurs. A nursing facility that becomes ineligible to receive 234  
private room incentive payments shall not seek payment from the 235  
department for such payments on or after the date on which the 236  
nursing facility becomes ineligible. A nursing facility that 237  
becomes ineligible to receive private room incentive payments 238  
shall notify the department in writing not later than thirty 239  
days after the date on which ineligibility occurs. 240

(a) A nursing facility that has its approval for private 241  
rooms withdrawn under division (C) (7) of this section may 242  
reapply for approval under this section when the nursing 243  
facility again meets the eligibility requirements described in 244  
this section. 245

(b) The department or its designee shall recoup any 246  
private room incentive payments made for services provided on or 247  
after the date on which a nursing facility becomes ineligible to 248  
receive private room incentive payments. The department may 249  
impose a penalty not to exceed five per cent of the amount 250  
recouped. 251

(8) An applicant may request reconsideration of a denial 252  
under division (C) of this section. 253

**Sec. 5165.19.** (A) (1) Semiannually, except as provided in 254  
division (A) (2) of this section, the department of medicaid 255  
shall determine each nursing facility's per medicaid day payment 256  
rate for direct care costs by multiplying the facility's 257  
semiannual case-mix score determined under section 5165.192 of 258  
the Revised Code by the cost per case-mix unit determined under 259  
division (C) of this section for the facility's peer group. 260

(2) Beginning January 1, 2024, during state fiscal years 261  
2024 and 2025, the department shall determine each nursing 262  
facility's per medicaid day payment rate for direct care costs 263  
by multiplying the cost per case-mix unit determined under 264  
division (C) of this section for the facility's peer group by 265  
the case-mix score specified in division (A) (2) (a) or (b) of 266  
this section, as selected by the nursing facility not later than 267  
October 1, 2023. If the nursing facility does not make a 268  
selection by October 1, 2023, the case-mix score specified in 269  
division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall apply. The case-mix 270  
score may be either of the following: 271

(a) The semiannual case-mix score determined for the 272  
facility under division (A) (1) of this section; 273

(b) The facility's quarterly case-mix score from March 31, 274  
2023, which shall apply to the facility's direct care rate from 275  
January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. 276

(B) For the purpose of determining nursing facilities' 277  
rates for direct care costs, the department shall establish 278  
three peer groups. 279

(1) Each nursing facility located in any of the following 280  
counties shall be placed in peer group one: Brown, Butler, 281  
Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren. 282

(2) Each nursing facility located in any of the following 283  
counties shall be placed in peer group two: Allen, Ashtabula, 284  
Champaign, Clark, Cuyahoga, Darke, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, 285  
Franklin, Fulton, Geauga, Greene, Hancock, Knox, Lake, Licking, 286  
Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Miami, 287  
Montgomery, Morrow, Ottawa, Pickaway, Portage, Preble, Ross, 288  
Sandusky, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Union, and Wood. 289

(3) Each nursing facility located in any of the following 290  
counties shall be placed in peer group three: Adams, Ashland, 291  
Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, 292  
Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, Harrison, 293  
Henry, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, 294  
Lawrence, Logan, Meigs, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, 295  
Noble, Paulding, Perry, Pike, Putnam, Richland, Scioto, Shelby, 296  
Tuscarawas, Van Wert, Vinton, Washington, Wayne, Williams, and 297  
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(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (4) of this 299  
section, the department shall determine a cost per case-mix unit 300  
for each peer group established under division (B) of this 301  
section. The cost per case-mix unit determined under this 302  
division for a peer group shall be used for subsequent years 303  
until the department conducts a rebasing. To determine a peer 304  
group's cost per case-mix unit, the department shall do ~~both~~ all 305  
of the following: 306

(a) Determine the cost per case-mix unit for each nursing 307  
facility in the peer group for the applicable calendar year by 308  
dividing each facility's desk-reviewed, actual, allowable, per 309  
diem direct care costs for the applicable calendar year by the 310  
facility's annual average case-mix score determined under 311  
section 5165.192 of the Revised Code for the applicable calendar 312

year;	313
(b) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, identify	314
which nursing facility in the peer group is at the seventieth	315
percentile of the cost per case-mix units determined under	316
division (C) (1) (a) of this section;	317
<u>(c) For state fiscal year 2027, reduce the total cost per</u>	318
<u>case-mix unit in effect on June 30, 2026, by a percentage that</u>	319
<u>reduces the total expenditures on nursing facility per medicaid</u>	320
<u>day payment rates by seventy-one million dollars for that fiscal</u>	321
<u>year;</u>	322
<u>(d) For state fiscal year 2028, reduce the total cost per</u>	323
<u>case-mix unit in effect on June 30, 2027, by a percentage that</u>	324
<u>reduces expenditures on nursing facility per medicaid day</u>	325
<u>payment rates by seventy-one million dollars for that fiscal</u>	326
<u>year;</u>	327
<u>(e) For subsequent rebasings after state fiscal year 2028,</u>	328
<u>reduce the cost per case-mix units by the percentage determined</u>	329
<u>under division (C) of section 5165.36 of the Revised Code.</u>	330
(2) In making the identification under division (C) (1) (b)	331
of this section, the department shall exclude both of the	332
following:	333
(a) Nursing facilities that participated in the medicaid	334
program under the same provider for less than twelve months in	335
the applicable calendar year;	336
(b) Nursing facilities whose cost per case-mix unit is	337
more than one standard deviation from the mean cost per case-mix	338
unit for all nursing facilities in the nursing facility's peer	339
group for the applicable calendar year.	340

(3) The department shall not redetermine a peer group's 341  
cost per case-mix unit under this division based on additional 342  
information that it receives after the peer group's per case-mix 343  
unit is determined. The department shall redetermine a peer 344  
group's cost per case-mix unit only if it made an error in 345  
determining the peer group's cost per case-mix unit based on 346  
information available to the department at the time of the 347  
original determination. 348

(4) The department shall multiply each cost per case-mix 349  
unit determined under division (C) (1) of this section by the 350  
peer group average case-mix score in effect on December 31, 351  
2025, divided by the peer group average case-mix score 352  
determined under section 5165.192 of the Revised Code for the 353  
semiannual period beginning January 1, 2026. The product 354  
determined under this division for each nursing facility's peer 355  
group shall be the cost per case-mix unit used to determine the 356  
nursing facility's per medicaid day payment rate for direct care 357  
costs under division (A) (1) of this section for the period 358  
beginning January 1, 2026, and ending on the day before the 359  
department's next rebasing conducted after that date takes 360  
effect. 361

**Sec. 5165.26.** (A) As used in this section: 362

(1) "Base rate" means the portion of a nursing facility's 363  
total per medicaid day payment rate determined under divisions 364  
(A) and (B) of section 5165.15 of the Revised Code. 365

(2) "CMS" means the United States centers for medicare and 366  
medicaid services. 367

(3) "Long-stay resident" means an individual who has 368  
resided in a nursing facility for at least one hundred one days. 369

(4) "Nursing facilities for which a quality score was determined" includes nursing facilities that are determined to have a quality score of zero. 370  
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(5) "SFF list" means the list of nursing facilities that the United States department of health and human services creates under the special focus facility program. 373  
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(6) "Special focus facility program" means the program conducted by the United States secretary of health and human services pursuant to section 1919(f)(10) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396r(f)(10). 376  
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(B) Subject to divisions (D) and (E) and except as provided in division (F) of this section, the department of medicaid shall determine each nursing facility's per medicaid day quality incentive payment rate as follows: 380  
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(1) Determine the sum of the quality scores determined under division (C) of this section for all nursing facilities. 384  
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(2) Determine the average quality score by dividing the sum determined under division (B)(1) of this section by the number of nursing facilities for which a quality score was determined. 386  
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(3) Determine the sum of the total number of medicaid days for all of the calendar year preceding the fiscal year for which the rate is determined for all nursing facilities for which a quality score was determined. 390  
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(4) Multiply the average quality score determined under division (B)(2) of this section by the sum determined under division (B)(3) of this section. 394  
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(5) Determine the value per quality point by determining 397

the quotient of the following:	398
(a) The sum determined under division (E) (2) of this section.	399 400
(b) The product determined under division (B) (4) of this section.	401 402
(6) Multiply the value per quality point determined under division (B) (5) of this section by the nursing facility's quality score determined under division (C) of this section.	403 404 405
(C) (1) Except as provided in divisions (C) (2) and (3) of this section, a nursing facility's quality score for a state fiscal year shall be the sum of the following:	406 407 408
(a) The total number of points that CMS assigned to the nursing facility under CMS's nursing facility five-star quality rating system for the following quality metrics, or CMS's successor metrics as described below, based on the most recent four-quarter average data, or the average data for fewer quarters in the case of successor metrics, available in the database maintained by CMS and known as nursing home compare in the most recent month of the calendar year during which the fiscal year for which the rate is determined begins:	409 410 411 412 413 414 415 416 417
(i) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents at high risk for pressure ulcers who had pressure ulcers;	418 419 420
(ii) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents who had a urinary tract infection;	421 422
(iii) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay residents whose ability to move independently worsened;	423 424
(iv) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay	425

residents who had a catheter inserted and left in their bladder. 426

If CMS ceases to publish any of the metrics specified in 427  
division (C)(1)(a) of this section, the department shall use the 428  
nursing facility quality metrics on the same topics that CMS 429  
subsequently publishes. 430

(b) Seven and five-tenths points for fiscal year 2024 and 431  
three points for fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years if 432  
the nursing facility's occupancy rate is greater than seventy- 433  
five per cent. For purposes of this division, the department 434  
shall utilize the facility's occupancy rate for licensed beds 435  
reported on its cost report for the calendar year preceding the 436  
fiscal year for which the rate is determined or, if the facility 437  
is not required to be licensed, the facility's occupancy rate 438  
for certified beds. If the facility surrenders licensed or 439  
certified beds before the first day of July of the calendar year 440  
in which the fiscal year begins, the department shall calculate 441  
a nursing facility's occupancy rate by dividing the inpatient 442  
days reported on the facility's cost report for the calendar 443  
year preceding the fiscal year for which the rate is determined 444  
by the product of the number of days in the calendar year and 445  
the facility's number of licensed, or if applicable, certified 446  
beds on the first day of July of the calendar year in which the 447  
fiscal year begins. 448

(c) Beginning with state fiscal year 2025, the total 449  
number of points that CMS assigned to the nursing facility under 450  
CMS's nursing facility five-star quality rating system for the 451  
following quality metrics, or successor metrics designated by 452  
CMS, based on the most recent four-quarter average data 453  
available in the database maintained by CMS and known as nursing 454  
home compare in the most recent month of the calendar year 455

during which the fiscal year for which the rate is determined 456  
begins: 457

(i) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay 458  
residents whose need for help with daily activities has 459  
increased; 460

(ii) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay 461  
residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury; 462

(iii) The percentage of the nursing facility's long-stay 463  
residents who were administered an antipsychotic medication; 464

(iv) Adjusted total nurse staffing hours per resident per 465  
day using quintiles instead of deciles by using the points 466  
assigned to the higher of the two deciles that constitute the 467  
quintile. 468

If CMS ceases to publish any of the metrics specified in 469  
division (C)(1)(c) of this section, the department shall use the 470  
nursing facility quality metrics on the same topics CMS 471  
subsequently publishes. 472

(2) In determining a nursing facility's quality score for 473  
a state fiscal year, the department shall make the following 474  
adjustment to the number of points that CMS assigned to the 475  
nursing facility for each of the quality metrics specified in 476  
divisions (C)(1)(a) and (c) of this section: 477

(a) Unless division (C)(2)(b) or (c) of this section 478  
applies, divide the number of the nursing facility's points for 479  
the quality metric by twenty. 480

(b) If CMS assigned the nursing facility to the lowest 481  
percentile for the quality metric, reduce the number of the 482  
nursing facility's points for the quality metric to zero. 483

(c) If the nursing facility's total number of points 484  
calculated for or during a state fiscal year for all of the 485  
quality metrics specified in divisions (C) (1) (a), and if 486  
applicable, division (C) (1) (c) of this section is less than a 487  
~~number of points that is equal to the twenty-fifth percentile of~~ 488  
~~all nursing facilities, calculated using the points for the July~~ 489  
~~1 rate setting of that fiscal year thirty-two,~~ 490  
nursing facility's points to zero until the next point 491  
calculation. If a facility's recalculated points under division 492  
(C) (3) of this section are below ~~the number of points determined~~ 493  
~~to be the twenty-fifth percentile for that fiscal year thirty-~~ 494  
~~two,~~ the facility shall receive zero points for the remainder of 495  
that fiscal year. 496

(3) A nursing facility's quality score shall be 497  
recalculated for the second half of the state fiscal year based 498  
on the most recent four quarter average data, or the average 499  
data for fewer quarters in the case of successor metrics, 500  
available in the database maintained by CMS and known as the 501  
care compare, in the most recent month of the calendar year 502  
during which the fiscal year for which the rate is determined 503  
begins. The metrics specified by division (C) (1) (b) of this 504  
section shall not be recalculated. In redetermining the quality 505  
payment for each facility based on the recalculated points, the 506  
department shall use the same per point value determined for the 507  
quality payment at the start of the fiscal year. 508

(D) A nursing facility shall not receive a quality 509  
incentive payment if the Department of Health assigned the 510  
nursing facility to the SFF list under the special focus 511  
facility program and the nursing facility is listed in table A, 512  
on the first day of May of the calendar year for which the rate 513  
is being determined. 514

(E) The total amount to be spent on quality incentive payments under division (B) of this section for a fiscal year shall be determined as follows:

(1) Determine the following amount for each nursing facility:

(a) The amount that is five and two-tenths per cent of the nursing facility's base rate for nursing facility services provided on the first day of the state fiscal year plus one dollar and seventy-nine cents ~~plus sixty per cent of the per diem amount by which the nursing facility's cost per case-mix unit changed as a result of the rebasing conducted under section 5165.36 of the Revised Code. The nursing facility's cost per case-mix unit is determined under division (C) of section 5165.19 of the Revised Code and for purposes of this division shall not be multiplied by the facility's semiannual case-mix score determined under section 5165.192 of the Revised Code.~~

(b) Multiply the amount determined under division (E) (1) (a) of this section by the number of the nursing facility's medicaid days for the calendar year preceding the fiscal year for which the rate is determined.

(2) Determine the sum of the products determined under division (E) (1) (b) of this section for all nursing facilities for which the product was determined for the state fiscal year.

(3) To the sum determined under division (E) (2) of this section, add ~~one~~ three hundred ~~twenty-five~~ sixty-six million dollars.

(4) Unless there is a rebasing conducted under section 5165.36 of the Revised Code for state fiscal year 2028, beginning in state fiscal year 2028, add seventy-one million

dollars to the sum determined under division (E) (3) of this 544  
section. 545

(5) To the sum determined under division (E) (4) of this 546  
section, for the next rebasing conducted under section 5165.36 547  
of the Revised Code and any subsequent rebasing, add the sum of 548  
the amounts determined under division (B) of section 5165.36 of 549  
the Revised Code for each rebasing. 550

(F) (1) Beginning July 1, 2023, a new nursing facility 551  
shall receive a quality incentive payment for the fiscal year in 552  
which the new facility obtains an initial provider agreement and 553  
the immediately following fiscal year equal to the median 554  
quality incentive payment determined for nursing facilities for 555  
the fiscal year. For the state fiscal year after the immediately 556  
following fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the quality 557  
incentive payment shall be determined under division (C) of this 558  
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(2) A nursing facility that undergoes a change of operator 560  
with an effective date of July 1, 2025, or later shall not 561  
receive a quality incentive payment until the earlier of the 562  
first day of January or the first day of July that is at least 563  
six months after the effective date of the change of operator. 564  
Thereafter any quality incentive payment shall be determined 565  
under division (C) of this section. 566

~~(G) The intent of the general assembly, in amending this~~ 567  
~~section, is to clarify statutory language in response to the~~ 568  
~~decision of the Ohio Supreme Court in the case *State ex rel.*~~ 569  
~~*LeadingAge Ohio v. Ohio Dept. of Medicaid*, Slip Opinion No.~~ 570  
~~2025-Ohio-3066 and to require the department to continue~~ 571  
~~calculating and paying the quality incentive payments in the~~ 572  
~~manner they were actually paid in state fiscal years 2024 and~~ 573

~~2025. The general assembly acknowledges that the department  
calculated the quality incentive pool in the way the general  
assembly originally intended.~~ 574  
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**Sec. 5165.36.** (A) Beginning with state fiscal year 2024,  
the department of medicaid shall conduct a rebasing at least  
once every five state fiscal years. When the department conducts  
the rebasing for a state fiscal year, it shall conduct the  
rebasings for only the direct care and tax cost centers. 577  
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(B) For each rebasing of the direct care cost center  
conducted on or after the effective date of this amendment, the  
department shall increase the amount of the quality incentive  
payment under section 5165.26 of the Revised Code by sixty per  
cent of the total increase in estimated expenditures from the  
rebasings of the direct care cost center, using the cost per  
case-mix unit determined under division (C) (1) (b) of section  
5165.19 of the Revised Code. The department shall use the most  
recent calendar year cost report medicaid days when estimating  
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(C) For each rebasing of the direct care cost center  
conducted on or after the effective date of this amendment, the  
department shall determine a percentage for each peer group's  
cost per case-mix unit determined under section 5165.19 of the  
Revised Code that results in a reduction in total estimated  
expenditures equal to the amount determined under division (B)  
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**Section 2.** That existing sections 5165.06, 5165.151,  
5165.158, 5165.19, 5165.26, and 5165.36 of the Revised Code are  
hereby repealed. 599  
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