



Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) 3352-19-08

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**TO: All Hospital Providers
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services**

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SUBJECT: Hospital Franchise Fee Program

Summary

This Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) provides information pertaining to revisions to the Hospital Franchise Fee program.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160-2-30, has been amended. Details of the amendments to the rule are noted below. The effective date of this amendment is December 15, 2019.

Rule Changes

Rule 5160-2-30, entitled Hospital Franchise Fee Program, sets forth the assessment rate applied to all hospitals located in Ohio. This rule was amended to establish the assessment rates for the Hospital Franchise Fee (HFF) program year 2020 through program year 2022, and each year thereafter.

The amendments to this rule include: (1) established an assessment rate for the 2020 program year to be 3.1965% of a hospital's total facility costs, (2) established an assessment rate for the 2021 program year to be 3.35% of a hospital's total facility costs, (3) established an assessment rate for the 2022 program year, and every year thereafter, to be 3.37% of a hospital's total facility costs and (4) gave the department the authority to establish a rate that is higher or lower than the rates described based on the franchise fee assessment needed to operate a program year. This rule was also amended to remove the reference to the previous Hospital Franchise Fee Assessment rate.

Access to Rules and Related Material

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Additional Information

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