

## Ohio Revised Code

Section 5168.11 Hospital care assurance program fund.

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- (A) Except as provided in section 5162.52 of the Revised Code, all payments of assessments by hospitals under section 5168.06 of the Revised Code and all intergovernmental transfers under section 5168.07 of the Revised Code shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the hospital care assurance program fund, hereby created. All investment earnings of the hospital care assurance program fund shall be credited to the fund. The department of medicaid shall maintain records that show the amount of money in the hospital care assurance program fund at any time that has been paid by each hospital and the amount of any investment earnings on that amount. All moneys credited to the hospital care assurance program fund shall be used solely to make payments to hospitals under division (D) of this section and section 5168.09 of the Revised Code.
- (B) All federal matching funds received as a result of the department distributing funds from the hospital care assurance program fund to hospitals under section 5168.09 of the Revised Code shall be credited to the health care federal fund created under section 5162.50 of the Revised Code.
- (C) All distributions of funds to hospitals under section 5168.09 of the Revised Code are conditional on:
- (1) Expiration of the time for appeals under section 5168.08 of the Revised Code without the filing of an appeal, or on court determinations, in the event of appeals, that the hospital is entitled to the funds;
- (2) The sum of the following being sufficient to distribute the funds after the final determination of any appeals:
- (a) The available money in the hospital care assurance program fund;
- (b) The available portion of the money in the health care federal fund that is credited to that fund pursuant to division (B) of this section.



- (3) The hospital's compliance with section 5168.14 of the Revised Code.
- (D) If an audit conducted by the department, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 455.304, of the amounts of payments made and funds received by hospitals under sections 5168.06, 5168.07, and 5168.09 of the Revised Code identifies amounts that, due to errors by the department, a hospital should not have been required to pay but did pay, should have been required to pay but did not pay, should not have received but did receive, or should have received but did not receive, the department shall:
- (1) Make payments to any hospital that the audit reveals paid amounts it should not have been required to pay or did not receive amounts it should have received;
- (2) Take action to recover from a hospital any amounts that the audit reveals it should have been required to pay but did not pay or that it should not have received but did receive.

Payments made under division (D)(1) of this section shall be made from the hospital care assurance program fund. Amounts recovered under division (D)(2) of this section shall be deposited to the credit of that fund. An action authorized under Chapter 2721. of the Revised Code and filed in Franklin county shall be the exclusive remedy for any hospital that disagrees with the amount that the hospital is to be paid under division (D)(1) or the amount that is to be recovered from the hospital under division (D)(2) of this section. While any judicial proceeding is pending under division (D) of this section, a hospital shall pay to the hospital care assurance program fund any amount identified pursuant to division (D)(2) of this section that is not in dispute.