FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) hereby provides public notice of the department's intent to change its methods and standards for payment for certain Medicaid services to comply with the governor's initiatives. The change is as follows:

Medicaid maximum payment amounts will be established for intervention procedure codes that treat psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and social factors for the prevention, treatment, or management of physical health problems for children.

The following practitioners or providers would be impacted by these changes:

- 1. Rural health clinics:
- 2. Federally qualified health centers;
- 3. Physicians;
- 4. Non-Physician Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners;
- 5. Physician assistants;
- 6. Advanced practice registered nurses; and
- 7. Ambulatory health care clinics.

The department estimates there will be an increase in annual aggregate expenditure of \$19 million for the coverage of health and behavior intervention services for children.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215;
- Any county department of job and family services; or
- On the internet at http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us through a search for Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-1-60.

The department invites concerned and interested parties to submit written comments regarding changes described in this notice in any of three ways:

- By mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attention: Bureau of Health Plan Policy, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215;
- By fax to (614) 644-4368; or
- By e-mail to noninstitutional_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov.