<u>5160-4-07</u> <u>Fee-for-time compensation arrangements (substitute physicians).</u>

(A) Definitions.

- (1) "Physician," for purposes of this rule, is a collective term for the following professionals:
 - (a) Doctor of medicine;
 - (b) Doctor of osteopathy;
 - (c) Doctor of podiatric medicine; or
 - (d) Optometrist.
- (2) "Regular physician" is a physician enrolled in the Ohio medicaid program who regularly takes care of an individual's health care needs.
- (3) "Substitute physician" is a physician who generally does not maintain an individual practice and who works in place of a regular physician when the regular physician is absent.
- (B) Coverage and limitations.
 - (1) Payment may be made for services rendered by a substitute physician only when the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The regular physician is expected to be absent for a period of not longer than sixty days unless there are extenuating circumstances (e.g., active duty in the armed forces);
 - (b) The substitute physician has the status of an independent contractor rather than of an employee; and
 - (c) The substitute physician receives payment from the regular physician as a fixed amount per diem or on a similar fee-for-time basis.
 - (2) Payment will not be made under a fee-for-time compensation arrangement for services rendered by practitioners other than physicians.

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