

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**DATE:** March 17, 2010  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Hearing Room, Floor 31, Rhodes State Office Tower  
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5111.02 and 5111.028 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-1-17.4, entitled Length and type of provider agreements, is being amended in accordance with section 5111.028 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended by Amended Substitute House Bill 1 of the 128th General Assembly to support the extension of Medicaid provider agreements to seven years, and for five year rule review. This rule describes the difference between open-ended and time limited provider agreements under the Ohio Medicaid program, how long the time limited provider agreement lasts before the provider must re-enroll with the Medicaid program and what Medicaid providers must do in order to re-enroll with the Ohio Medicaid program. Changes to this rule include a new rule title, adding managed care plans and hospitals to the list of Ohio Medicaid provider types that do not receive time-limited provider agreements (therefore exempting hospitals from re-enrollment) and lengthening the time period of time-limited Medicaid provider agreements from three years to seven years. Additionally, the rule explains that any existing open-ended provider agreement, not exempt from time-limited provider agreement provisions in this rule, will be converted to a time-limited provider agreement on or before January 1, 2015.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rule or comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov).