

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: January 4, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5111.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the rescission and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-14-01, entitled Healthchek: early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services for individuals under age twenty-one, outlines the general provisions that govern the Healthchek benefit (also known as the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment benefit) available to Medicaid-eligible consumers under the age of twenty-one years. This rule is being rescinded and replaced with a new rule of the same number as a result of the five-year rule review requirement set forth in Revised Code section 119.032.

Rule 5101:3-14-01, entitled Healthchek: early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment (EPSDT) mandatory services for medicaid recipients under twenty-one years of age, is being proposed for adoption to replace a rescinded rule of the same number that was rescinded as a result of the five-year rule review requirement set forth in Revised Code section 119.032. Changes to this rule include the following:

- 1) Title change to clarify that the Healthchek benefit is mandatory and is applicable to Medicaid recipients under twenty-one years of age. This information was previously spelled out in paragraph (A).
- 2) For consistency and clarity, references to "from birth through age twenty" have been changed to "under twenty-one years of age."
- 3) Paragraph (A) is expanded to include definitions for five additional terms, consistent definition with other Medicaid rules (not a change in policy).
- 4) The definition of "Healthchek" is amended to clarify that Healthchek is a benefit, not a program.
- 5) For emphasis and clarity, the concept of mandatory services is relocated to the title of the rule.
- 6) For emphasis and clarity, the concept of the applicability of this benefit to Medicaid recipients under the age of twenty-one has been retained.

7) Paragraph (B) is removed because it adds no clarity to the description of the Healthchek benefit.

8) The concept of the scope of services is relocated to new paragraphs (B) and (C) (not a change in policy).

9) The two subparagraphs under paragraph (C) are separated into paragraphs (B) and (C). Healthchek screening services are clarified and based on United States Code (not a change in policy).

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 and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.