

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: November 18, 2011
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower, Room 2925
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 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 identified below and to hold a public hearing on the proposed rules. The public hearing will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Both written and oral testimony will be accepted at the public hearing, and written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Current rule 5101:3-4-01, titled "Eligible providers of physician services," is to be rescinded and replaced with a new rule of the same number.

New rule 5101:3-4-01, titled "Physicians and other eligible providers of physician services," is to be adopted as a replacement for the current rule. Although the entire text of the rule has been reorganized and streamlined, the only substantive change is the inclusion of optometrists in the list of providers of physician services. Classifying services provided by optometrists as physician services will enable optometrists to benefit from certain provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that establish incentive payments for the adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology. It is estimated that this reclassification will have no impact on Medicaid expenditures in federal fiscal year 2012.

Any person affected by the rules may examine them and obtain a copy, without charge, at the following locations:

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services,
30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-3414 or
On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>.

Requests for a copy of the rules or comments on the rules should be submitted in any of the following ways:

By mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-3414;
By fax to (614) 752-8298; or
By e-mail to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.