

**FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: September 26, 2013
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414

Pursuant to section 5111.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, and 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of the office's intent to consider the amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-10-11, titled "Hearing aids," sets forth the coverage and reimbursement provisions for hearing aids. This rule was filed for five-year rule review. The changes to this rule include the following:

The establishment of a certificate of medical necessity to be used by providers when requesting prior authorization for hearing aids.

Updated language pertaining to hearing test results for adults.

Updated language extending the coverage of digital hearing aids to adults.

Updated language regarding the warranty for digital hearing aids.

Updated language requiring prior authorization for CROS and BiCros hearing aids dispensed to adults.

Updated language regarding the return of newly dispensed hearing aids.

Updated language extending the coverage of bilateral hearing aids to adults.

The Office estimates that there is no fiscal impact resulting from these changes.

A copy of the proposed rule is available at the address listed below, without charge, to any person affected by the rule. The proposed 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 hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, c/o Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-0414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov. Comments received may be reviewed upon request.