

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: November 18, 2013
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Lobby Hearing Room, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5168.02, 5168.06 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the Director gives notice of the department's intent to amend rule 5160-2-08.1, on a permanent basis, and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-2-08.1, entitled Assessment rates, describes the calculation used to arrive at the assessment rate applied to all hospitals. This rule is being proposed for amendment, on a permanent basis, to establish the assessment rates and the cost levels for the 2013 Hospital Care Assurance Program (HCAP). The amendment updates paragraph (B) to specify to which program year the rule applies. Paragraph (C) establishes an assessment rate of 0.008336554 of a hospital's adjusted total facility costs up to \$216,372,500 and 0.00665 for any amount in excess of \$216,372,500. In addition, Paragraph (F) establishes that the department may set the applicable assessment rate and tier thresholds for program years that begin after September 30, 2013 through the publication of a Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) and that the HHTL will be subject to public comment prior to publication.

Copies of the proposed rules are available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules 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 Medicaid c/o Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.