

**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 5162.03, 5164.70, 5167.03, 5167.20, 5167.201, 5167.10, 5167.12 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid gives notice of the office's intent to consider the amendment of the rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-26-03 entitled Managed health care programs: covered services, is being proposed for amendment, to update policy relating to the administration of the Medicaid program. This rule sets forth the covered services that Medicaid managed care plans are required to provide to Medicaid managed care members. The rule is being amended to add respite services for Medicaid children enrolled in Medicaid managed care plans who are under the age of 21 years and eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). "Respite services" are services that provide short-term, temporary relief to an informal unpaid caregiver of an individual under the age of 21 in order to support and preserve the primary caregiving relationship. Other amendments clarify language describing the obligations of MCPs regarding payment for emergency conditions and update cross-references and legal citations.

Rule 5160-26-09.1, entitled Managed health care programs: third party recovery is being proposed for amendment, to update policy relating to the administration of the Medicaid program and comply with five year rule review requirements. The amendments to this rule address an MCP's obligation to report all cases of suspected fraud and abuse by providers subcontracting with the MCP, and specify the circumstances under which an MCP may keep the funds recovered as the result of the identification of fraud and abuse. Other amendments clarify the coordination of benefits for prenatal and preventive pediatric services, update cross-references and legal citations, and change the agency's name from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM).

A copy of the proposed rules is 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 rules, or comments on the rules, should be submitted by mail to the Office of Medical Assistance, 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. Comments received may be reviewed upon request.