PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE:December 21, 2004TIME:10:00 a.m.LOCATION:Room 1823, State Office Tower

Pursuant to Section 5111.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code and 42 CFR 447.205, the Director of the Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to revise and emergency file, to be effective on or about January 1, 2005, amendments to rules 5101:3-1-60 and 5101:3-10-20. A notice of a public hearing was issued for the October 29, 2004 original filing of these rules and is still scheduled for November 29, 2004. This notice is to inform parties of a second public hearing on the proposed revised version of these amended rules.

Rule 5101: 3-1-60 entitled <u>Medicaid reimbursement</u> contains the fee schedule for noninstitutional services. It is amended on an emergency basis to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2005 and re-filed for a permanent amendment to add new codes, delete obsolete codes, and update the fee schedule for new codes and certain other codes necessitated by the American Medical Association in its 2005 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) book. It is also being amended to add the new 2005 clinical laboratory codes and rates and to add new DME codes, delete obsolete DME codes and revise existing DME codes to be consistent with DME policy. The Department is making these amendments to maintain consistency with industry standards for medical coding and to be compliant with national H.I.P.A.A. coding standards. The Department estimates that there is no fiscal impact since the new codes are replacing deleted codes.

Rule 5101:3-10-20 entitled <u>Covered orthotic and prosthetic services and associated limitations</u> contains the coverage provisions for orthotic and prosthetic services. It is being amended on an emergency basis to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2005 and re-filed for a permanent amendment to add new covered HCPCS codes for orthotic and prosthetic services and to delete the orthotic and prosthetic codes discontinued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. The Department is making these amendments to maintain consistency with industry standards for medical coding and to be compliant with national H.I.P.A.A. coding standards. The Department estimates that there is no fiscal impact since the new codes are replacing deleted codes.

Copies of the proposed emergency and permanent rules are available, without charge, to any person affected by them at the address listed below and at the County Departments of Job and Family Services. The rules are also available on the internet at http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/. A public hearing on the proposed permanent rules will be held at the date, time and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or verbal 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 copies of the rules and comments on them should be submitted by mail to Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st

Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at <u>legal@odjfs.state.oh.us</u>. Comments received may be reviewed at this address.