

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: February 1, 2005
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Room 1814, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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 amend rules: 5101:3-4-06 and 5101:3-4-17 on an emergency and permanent basis and of a public hearing upon the permanent amendment.

Rule 5101:3-4-06 entitled Physician visits outlines coverage provisions for all visit services. It is being amended on an emergency basis to be effective on or about January 1, 2005, and proposed for permanent amendment to incorporate coding changes instituted by the American Medical Association in its 2005 Current Procedural Terminology book. The description of the pediatric and neonatal critical care codes 99293 and 99296 have been revised to change the definition of a critically ill infant to 29 days through 24 months of age from 31 days up through 24 months of age and the definition of a critically ill neonate to 28 days of age or less from 30 days of age or less. The Department estimates that there is no fiscal impact resulting from these changes.

Rule 5101:3-4-17 entitled Gastroenterology, otorhinolaryngology, endocrinology, neurology, and special dermatology services outlines coverage provisions for these services provided by physician providers of Medicaid services. It is being amended on an emergency basis to be effective on or about January 1, 2005, and proposed for permanent amendment to incorporate coding changes instituted by the American Medical Association in its 2005 Current Procedural Terminology book. The following new evaluative and therapeutic services codes have been added: 92620, 92621, and 92625. Audiologic function test code 92589 has been deleted. The Department estimates that there is no fiscal impact resulting from these changes.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by them 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 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 legal@jfs.state.oh.us.