

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: July 12, 2005
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5101.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-4-01 entitled Eligible providers of physician services. is being proposed as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the provisions that govern eligibility for a physician in the Medicaid program. The only changes in the rule are grammatical corrections.

Rule 5101:3-4-06 entitled Physician visits. is being proposed as part of the five-year rule review process and to clarify policies and practices relating to observation care codes. In order to bill the observation care codes, the patient must be in observation care status for a minimum of 8 hours. Otherwise, the physician must bill the admission codes (99218 – 99220). This is a clarification of existing policy.

Rule 5101:3-4-12 entitled Immunizations. is being proposed as part of the five-year rule review process and to update policies relating to immunizations covered under the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This rule describes the department's policy on vaccines. There are four vaccines that will be covered under the VFC program for dates of service on and after September 1, 2005.. They are the preservative free influenza for ages 3 and above (code 90656), the meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine for children ages 2 -18 (code 90733), the meningococcal conjugate vaccine for children ages 11 – 18 (code 90734), and tetanus, diphtheria toxoids, and acellular pertussis for individuals 7-19 (90715). For adults over age 18, the preservative free influenza vaccine will also be covered (code 90656). The Hib vaccines (codes 90645, 90646, 90647, and 90648) and the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (code 90734) will also be covered for adults, but only if determined medically necessary by the department. Previously, if providers gave the DTaP/Hib combination vaccine, they were required to bill both a DTaP (90700) and a Hib vaccination code (90645, 90646, 90647, or 90648). Now they should bill the DTaP/Hib combination code 90721.

Rule 5101:4-21.2 entitled Anesthesia conversion factors, is being proposed as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule specifies the conversion factors used to pay anesthesia claims. The only changes to this rule are grammatical corrections.

Rule 5101:3-4-25 entitled Laboratory and radiology services is being proposed as part of the five-year rule review process and to revised policies relating to radiopharmaceutical agents. This rule describes the department's policies on radiology services. Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2005 the department will cover A9500, A9502,

A9503, A9505, A9507, A9508, A9510, A9511, and A9700 to replace code 78990 that was deleted by the American Medical Association. These A codes will only be valid in a non-hospital setting. Codes A4643 – A4647 are being replaced by Q9945 – Q9954 for procedures performed in a non-hospital setting. The Q codes will only be valid in a non-hospital setting. J1563 is being replaced with Q9941 or Q9943. Similarly, J1564 is being replaced with Q9942 or Q9944.

Rule 5101:3-8-25 entitled Coverage, limitations, and reimbursement of anesthesia services provided by certified registered nurse anesthetists. is being filed for five-year rule review. This rule describes the department's policy on coverage and payment of services provided by a CRNA. This rule contains grammatical corrections and corrections to outdated rule references and references to a modifier. There are no substantive policy changes.

A copy 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 rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at legal@odjfs.state.oh.us.