

**FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

DATE: November 21, 2005
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 2925, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Sections 5111.02 and 5111.0112 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 consider the amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-10-08 Repair of medical equipment is being proposed for 5 year rule review and in addition is being amended to adopt HIPAA compliant procedure codes and to adopt uniform program prior authorization and reimbursement policies for minor and major repairs for hearing aids. The proposed effective date of the amendment of the rule is January 1, 2006.

This rule sets forth general provisions for the coverage and limitations for medical equipment repairs. Changes include adopting HIPAA compliant procedure codes, allowing minor hearing aid repairs every 120 days without prior authorization and changing the percentage of maximum allowable reimbursement to usual and customary charge for repairs not performed by the provider.

There should be no impact on program expenditures. It is not possible at this juncture to quantify the budget impact of adopting a uniform policy for hearing aid repairs. Any potential increase in the number of minor hearing aid repairs submitted without prior authorization should be offset by the potential savings in reimbursement policy.

A copy of the proposed rule is available without charge to any person affected by it at each county department of job and family service office and at the address listed below. The proposed rule is also available on the internet at: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held at the date, time and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or verbal testimony on the proposed rule will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the 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 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-0414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at legal@odjfs.state.oh.us. Written comments received may be reviewed at this address.