

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: December 20, 2005
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 2925, 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 and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-14-01 entitled "HealthChek" otherwise known as early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment program (EPSDT) is being amended as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the general provisions that govern Healthchek, Ohio's early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment program. No policy changes are intended in the amended rule. This rule is amended to clarify existing policy.

Rule 5101:3-14-02 entitled Eligible providers of "HealthChek" (EPSDT) services is being amended as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule lists the eligible providers of Healthchek (EPSDT) services. No policy changes are intended in the amended rule. This rule is amended to clarify existing policy.

Rule 5101:3-14-03 entitled Covered "HealthChek" (EPSDT) screening services is being amended as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the screening components that the Healthchek (EPSDT) provider shall complete as part of initial and periodic Healthchek screening visits. This rule is amended to clarify existing policy. Reference, in paragraph (K)(1) of current rule 5101:3-14-03 of the Administrative Code, to additional reimbursement available for health education and counseling that lasts thirty minutes or more is deleted.

Rule 5101:3-14-04 entitled Reimbursement of "HealthChek" (EPSDT) screening services and screening frequency is being amended as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the general provisions that govern provider reimbursement for Healthchek (EPSDT) services. No policy changes are intended in the amended rule. This rule is amended to clarify existing policy.

Rule 5101:3-14-05 entitled Vision, hearing, and dental services is being amended as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the general provisions that govern the provision of evaluation, diagnostic, and treatment services following a healthchek (EPSDT) screening visit. No policy changes are intended in the amended rule. This rule is amended to clarify existing policy.

Rule 5101:3-14-06 entitled Interperiodic “HealthChek” (EPSDT) services is being proposed for rescission as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the provisions that govern medically necessary diagnostic vision, hearing, and dental examinations in the Medicaid program. The content is being incorporated into by amended rules 5101:3-14-04 and 5101:3-14-05. No policy changes are intended.

Rule 5101:3-14-09 entitled Environmental assessments for elevated blood levels is being amended as part of the five-year rule review process. This rule outlines the general provisions that govern Medicaid coverage of public health lead investigation performed by the Ohio Department of Health, in accordance with Section 3742 of the Revised Code. No policy changes are intended in the amended rule. This rule is amended to clarify existing policy.

Copies 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.