

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

**Date:** August 29, 2006  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** State Office Tower room B-1, 30 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to section 5111.02 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 public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-4-22, Surgical services, covers surgical services recognized under the Medicaid program. It outlines and defines billing procedures for different aspects of surgical codes and addresses how these differences affect reimbursement. It is being proposed for amendment to include changes meant to aid providers in billing for surgical services. It is also being proposed as part of the five-year rule review process.

The changes include the addition of the new appendix that will be available to clarify which surgical procedures are considered for bilateral pricing, multiple surgery pricing, and whether or not an assistant at surgery is reimbursable. In addition to this the Department will be adding the modifier '51' which can be used for billing multiple procedures. All other changes are for the clarification of existing policy.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. The 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 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 rule or comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3434, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by email at [rules@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:rules@odjfs.state.oh.us).