

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: October 31, 2006
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 2925, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 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 rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-10-12, entitled Orthopedic shoes and foot orthoses, is being proposed for amendment in conjunction with five-year rule review. This rule sets forth covered services and service limitations for orthopedic shoes and foot orthoses. Changes to the rule include the addition of language recognizing advanced practice nurses (APNs) as valid prescribers of orthopedic shoe modifications and additions, and the addition of language stating that orthopedic shoes are denied as non-covered if the shoe is put on over a partial foot prosthesis or other lower extremity prosthesis that is attached to the residual limb.

Rule 5101:3-10-14, entitled Compression garments, is being proposed for amendment in conjunction with five-year rule review. This rule sets forth covered services, service requirements and service limitations for compression garments. Changes to the rule include the addition of language codifying service coverage and service limitations for surgical stockings and compression burn garments. Compression garments equal to or greater than 18 mm Hg will be allowed for reimbursement. Language has been added stating that providers of custom garments must have a fitter on staff or under contract who has been certified to fit custom garments in accordance with industry standards. Lymphedema and post-thrombotic syndrome have been added to the list of diagnoses to which coverage of compression stockings is limited.

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 copies 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 rules@odjfs.state.oh.us.