

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: February 5, 2007
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, 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 rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

This rule specifies that prior authorization is required before the department will allow reimbursement for the rental or purchase of certain durable medical equipment (DME) items. The rule outlines the information requested on a prior authorization form, additional documentation that must accompany a prior authorization form, and the service limitations of an approved prior authorization request. Changes include allowing the department to consider evidence of malicious damage to or neglect of DME when the department evaluates prior authorization requests for replacement DME; requiring providers to maintain proof of DME delivery documentation on file; adding restrictions for DME substitutions; and requiring providers to submit a fully completed certificate of medical necessity.

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, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@odjfs.state.oh.us.