

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Pursuant to Section 5111.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code and CFR 447.205, the Director of the Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to amend rule 5101:3-1-60.

Rule 5101:3-1-60 entitled "Medicaid reimbursement" contains a list of the codes and the reimbursement rates for these codes for non-institutional providers. The Department is amending this rule to discontinue certain HCPCS codes which are not H.I.P.A.A. compliant and will instruct providers to use standard CPT codes for these services. The Department is also discontinuing a local level modifier "ZP" which is not H.I.P.A.A. compliant and replacing it with methodology used by other payers to reimburse for anatomical laboratory services. Also, the Department reduced the prices of epoetin codes (Q codes) and certain J codes so Medicaid is not paying more than Medicare for these services. The department estimates that this amendment reduces aggregate expenditures by \$1.4 million for the next fiscal year.

A copy of the rule is available for review in each county Department of Job and Family Services and also at <http://www.state.oh.us/odjfs/legal/index.htm>.

A copy of the rule is also available without charge at the address listed below. A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on October 8, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. until all testimony is heard in room 1845, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Either written or verbal testimony on the proposed rule will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later October 8, 2002 will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the rule or comments on them 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 43266-0423", by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at "public_records@odjfs.state.oh.us". Written comments may be reviewed at the Department at the address listed above.