

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: February 17, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.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 rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-10-18, entitled Hospital beds, pressure-reducing surfaces and accessories, specifies coverage and non-coverage criteria for hospital beds, pressure-reducing surfaces and accessories when supplied to a consumer in a private residence or long term care facility. This rule is being updated in order to introduce new rule terminology and to codify new certificates of medical necessity (CMN) as appendices to this rule. This rule is also being filed for five-year rule review.

JFS 02904 (Rev. 9/2008) Certificate of Medical Necessity/ Prescription Decubitus Care Equipment (Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces) is being codified for providers of decubitus care equipment to utilize when seeking prior authorization.

JFS 02910 (Rev. 9/2008) Certificate of Medical Necessity/Prescription Hospital Beds is being codified for providers of hospital beds to utilize when seeking prior authorization.

Changes to the body of this rule include but are not limited to the following sections:

(A)(4) and (A)(5) add as covered equipment a heavy duty extra wide hospital bed, and an extra heavy duty hospital bed, if needed because of the consumers weight.

(B) The following bed accessories are added as covered items: trapeze equipment, heavy duty trapeze equipment, side rails and replacement mattresses.

(D) is a new provision stating that the prescriber must be actively involved in treating the consumer under a comprehensive plan of care.

(E) The coverage criteria for pressure-reducing support services have been expanded to include consumers who are completely immobile, consumers who have any stage pressure ulcers on the trunk or pelvis, and consumers with compromised circulatory status. This paragraph also adds a requirement that any support surface or bed provided by ODJFS be one in which the consumer does not bottom out.

(F) deletes a reference to prior authorization but continues to require Certificates of Medical Necessity for approval of pressure reducing support surfaces and hospital beds. This rule also includes additional clarifications of the documentation required for approval of this equipment.

Copies of the proposed rule and certificates of medical necessity are available without charge to any person affected by them at the address listed below. The proposed 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 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 43215-0414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.