

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 42 CFR 447.205, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES GIVES NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENT TO AMEND RULE 5101:3-2-21 ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003, AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

Rule 5101:3-2-21 entitled "Policies for Outpatient Hospital Services" describes the method used to pay for hospital outpatient services. The rule is being amended to add the new 2003 CPT codes and delete obsolete CPT codes, effective July 1, 2003. Payment amounts for new CPT codes are based on existing rates and on procedures that use a similar amount of resources. The department estimates no increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures as a result of these changes.

A copy of the proposed rule is available for review in each county department of job and family services and also at <http://www.state.oh.us/odjfs/ols/pubHearings/index.stm> and is available without charge to any person at the address listed below. A public hearing on this rule will be held on May 20, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in room 1814, 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 than May 20, 2003 will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rule or comments on it 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 "legal@odjfs.state.oh.us". Written comments may be reviewed at the department at the address listed above.