

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: January 8, 2015
TIME: 1:30 – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: Lazarus Building, 50 West Town St., Room A401,
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Pursuant to sections 5166.02, 173.52 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-31-03, entitled "Eligibility for enrollment in the PASSPORT HCBS waiver program" is being proposed for amendment. The rule sets forth the eligibility requirements for an individual to participate in the PASSPORT Waiver Program. It is being amended in order to update policy related to waiver operations. Specifically, the individual cost limit used to determine eligibility for PASSPORT is being changed to \$14,700 per month for waiver services. If the PASSPORT Administrative Agency (PAA) determines that the applicant's waiver service needs cannot be met within the individual cost limit, the individual shall not be enrolled in PASSPORT. Once enrolled in PASSPORT, additional waiver services may not be authorized in excess of \$14,700 per month. When a change in condition occurs that necessitates the provision of additional waiver services, referral to other community services, including institutional services, will be explored. If the individual's waiver service needs exceed the individual cost limit, the individual shall be disenrolled from the waiver. The rule is also being amended to reflect that an individual may concurrently receive PASSPORT services and hospice care under Medicaid and Medicare. Additionally, Ohio Administrative Code rules and Code of Federal Regulations effective dates are being updated.

A copy of the proposed rule is available at the address listed below and without charge, to any person affected by the rule and at the county department of job and family services. 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 public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rule or comment on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Office of Legal Counsel, 50 West Town Street, 4th Floor,

Columbus, Ohio 43218, by fax at (614) 752-3986, or by e-mail at rules@medicaid.ohio.gov.
Comments received may be reviewed upon request.