

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: September 12th, 2016
TIME: 10:00AM
LOCATION: Room A501, Lazarus Building
50 W Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to 5164.02 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption, amendment, or rescission of the rule or rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

As a result of the redesign efforts of the Behavioral Health system in Ohio, the Department of Medicaid is adding the ability for Chemical Dependency Counselors to enroll and bill as Medicaid Providers.

The changes will go into effect for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

Rule 5160-8-05: Mental health services-other licensed professionals, has been amended as Ohio exercised its authority under federal law (§1902(n)(2) of the Social Security Act) to allow Chemical Dependency Counselors to enroll and bill Medicaid for covered Services. Prior to July 1, 2016, Independent Practitioners in Mental Health services was a collective term that included the following: Licensed professional clinical counselors, Independent social workers, and Independent marriage and family therapists. These providers will be paid at 85% of the Medicaid maximum, which is consistent with the above mentioned licensed mental health practitioners.

The Department estimates that these changes will result in an increase in expenditures for the State of \$14,474 on an annual aggregate basis.

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. Both written and oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Written testimony 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 and testimony on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid Rule Administrator, Office of Chief Legal Counsel, 50 W. Town St., Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 995-1301, or by e-mail at Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov. Testimony received may be reviewed at this address.