

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: December 12, 2016
TIME: 11:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Lazarus Building, 50 W. Town Street, Room A501, Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to Chapter 119. and section 5164.02 of the Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of the Department's intent to file as new the rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 5160-26-03, entitled Managed health care programs: covered services, is being proposed for amendment to update policy related to the administration of the Medicaid managed care program.

Changes to rule 5160-26-03 include:

- Requiring managed care plan (MCP) payment for respite services provided to children who have been diagnosed with serious emotional disturbance resulting in a functional impairment.
- Adding respite eligibility criteria to include children diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance resulting in a functional impairment.
- Modifying respite eligibility criteria for children who have a long-term service and support need.
- Adding accreditation and supervision requirements for behavioral health respite providers.
- Replacing the term "foster care" with "foster child" and adding a reference to OAC rule 5101:2-1.
- Adding a background check requirement for all respite providers.
- Modifying the annual number of Medicaid payable respite service hours per child.
- Clarifying that exclusions, limitations and clarifications relates to the MCP's responsibilities for payment of other services.
- General grammatical and organizational updates.

A copy of each of the proposed rules is available at the address listed below and without charge, to any person affected by the rules and at the county department of job and family services. The proposed rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules 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 rules or comments 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) 995-1301, or by e-mail at rules@medicaid.ohio.gov. Comments received may be reviewed upon request.