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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

DATE: April 3, 2017 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room A501, Lazarus Government Center

50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to section 5164.02 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 rescission and adoption of the rules identified below and to hold a public hearing on these rules.

Existing rule 5160-4-06, "Physician visits," sets forth coverage and payment policies for specific types of evaluation and management services (office visits). This rule is rescinded and replaced by a new rule of the same number, titled "Specific provisions for evaluation and management (E&M) services."

Existing rule 5160-4-06.1, "Physician attendance during patient transport," sets forth coverage and payment policies for face-to-face services provided by a physician while an individual is being transported. This rule is rescinded, and its relevant provisions are incorporated into new rule 5160-4-06.

The text of new rule 5160-4-06 is reorganized, streamlined, and clarified. Unnecessary definitions, explanations, and claim-submission instructions are removed. The word physician is replaced by other terms such as practitioner or consultant in recognition of the expanded scope of non-physician medical professionals.

The public hearing will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Both written and oral testimony will be accepted at the public hearing, and written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Any person affected by these rules may examine them and obtain a copy, without charge, at the following locations:

Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215; or On the internet at http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules, as well as testimony on the rules, may be submitted in any of the following ways:

By mail to the Rule Administrator, Office of Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215;

By fax to (614) 995-1301; or

By e-mail to rules@medicaid.ohio.gov.

Testimony on the proposed rules may also be reviewed at the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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