

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: April 24, 2017
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room A501, Lazarus Building
50 W. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to section 5165.02 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 adoption, amendment, or rescission of the rule or rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Proposed for Adoption

Rule 5160-3-18, entitled "Nursing facilities (NFs): ventilator program" is being proposed for adoption. The rule establishes an alternative purchasing model for the provision of nursing facility services to ventilator dependent individuals. Specifically, the rule provides for an enhanced payment rate to nursing facilities who meet the criteria and conditions to participate in the alternative purchasing model. The enhanced payment rate will increase access to care for individuals who are ventilator dependent by reimbursing facilities for the higher costs associated with caring for these individuals. The rule sets forth the following:

- Definitions of relevant provisions
- Provider eligibility requirements
- Requirements for provider requests to provide services under the ventilator program
- Payment rate for the provision of services under the ventilator program
- Requirements to receive payment under the ventilator programs
- Payment rate for bed-hold days for individuals receiving services under the ventilator program
- Quarterly reporting requirements
- Withdrawal from program requirements
- Auditing and monitoring requirements

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person 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. Written and 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 comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Office of Legal Counsel, 50 W. Town Street, 4th Floor, 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.