

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

**DATE:** May 19, 2017  
**TIME:** 11 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Room B401, Lazarus Building  
50 W Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

Rule 5160-22-01, entitled Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) services: provider eligibility, coverage, and reimbursement, is being proposed for rescission and is being replaced by a new rule 5160-22-01. This rule sets forth the definition of an ASC, eligibility requirements, covered and non-covered procedures and services and reimbursement.

Rule 5160-22-01, entitled Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) services: provider eligibility, coverage, and reimbursement, is being proposed as a new rule to describe the new Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Group (EAPG) payment methodology for ASCs. This new rule incorporates some provisions of OAC 5160-22-01 which is being rescinded. It sets forth definitions of an ASC and related concepts, how an ASC can become an eligible Medicaid provider, and describes the covered ASC services. It sets forth the requirements for reimbursement for laboratory services, radiological services, and diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and specifies items that may be paid outside of EAPGs. The proposed rule describes the new EAPG reimbursement methodology, as well as adds a new provision requiring prior authorization for certain CPT codes. Under this new reimbursement methodology, each service on a claim is grouped to an EAPG. An EAPG groups together services that are similar in nature, have similar costs and utilizes similar resources. For each EAPG a relative weight is developed, which reflects the relativity of the costs for the services in that EAPG. Reimbursement for a service is the product of the provider's base rate and the EAPG's relative weight, then any discounting, consolidation or packaging is taken into account. This new reimbursement methodology is being proposed in order to increase the services that may be performed in an ASC setting as well as to increase the reimbursement to ASCs.

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.registrofohio.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](mailto:Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov). Testimony received may be reviewed at this address.