

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: September 4, 2017
TIME: 11:00 am
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 amendment, rescission, or adoption of the rules identified below and to hold a public hearing on these rules.

Current rules 5160-18-01 and 5160-4-36 of the Ohio Administrative Code set forth Medicaid payment policy for services provided in freestanding birth centers (FBCs). As a result of five-year rule review, these rules are being rescinded, compiled, and replaced with one new rule numbered 5160-18-01.

The new rule incorporates two changes of significance:

- Section 1905(1)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act requires distinct payments for both facility and professional services rendered in a FBC setting. New rule 5160-18-01 states explicitly that a separate professional payment amount, distinct from and in addition to the facility payment amount, may be made for the services of professionals working in FBCs. Actual payment, however, remains the same.
- The appendix to rule 5160-18-01 has been rescinded. New rule 5160-18-01 instead includes a statement that maximum payments for FBC services are listed in appendix DD to rule 5160-1-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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, Ohio;
Any county department of job and family services; or
On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>.

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

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or a copy of testimony on the rules should 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.