

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: October 20, 2017
TIME: 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Room A501, Lazarus Building
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 (department) gives notice of the department's intent to adopt, amend, or rescind the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-2-67, entitled Medical education, is being proposed for amendment. This rule sets forth the conditions in which a hospital subject to prospective payment can qualify for a medical education payment. In addition, this rule establishes methodology used to calculate a hospital's total medical education add-on rate. In the current version of the rule, the department was not explicit in explaining that a hospital's case-mix adjusted medical education add-on rate is further case-mix adjusted to account for diagnosis related groups and severity of illness (DRG/SOI) case-mix, at the time of claim payment. The proposed change clarifies that a hospital's case-mix adjusted medical education add-on rate is multiplied by the relative weight of the claim's assigned DRG/SOI; this product is the claim's total medical education payment. This methodology of adjusting for the claim's assigned DRG/SOI case-mix is implicit in the DRG-based payment methodology that the department currently uses to reimburse hospitals subject to prospective payment for inpatient services. Also in the current version of the rule, the application of the payment neutrality adjustment is incorrectly stated. The proposed change corrects the error and clarifies that the payment neutrality adjustment is applied to the hospital's case-mix adjusted medical education add-on rate.

Corrections are also being proposed to ensure that this rule conforms to Legislative Service Commission (LSC) rule-writing standards, such as converting "&" to "and," as well as correcting terminology for better consistency. It is anticipated that this amendment will take effect on December 4, 2017.

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. Both 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 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 Street, Suite 400, 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.