

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: October 30th, 2017
TIME: 11:00 am
LOCATION: Room A401, Lazarus Building
50 W Town St., Columbus, Ohio 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 adoption of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-4-07, "Fee-for-time compensation arrangements for substitute physicians" sets forth Medicaid coverage and payment policies for professional services provided by a substitute physician who works in place of a regular physician under a fee-for-time arrangement when the regular physician is absent. This rule is proposed for adoption to update policy relating to the administration of the Medicaid program. It is a longstanding and widespread practice for physicians to retain substitute physicians to take over their professional practices when the regular physicians are absent for reasons such as illness, pregnancy, vacation, or continuing medical education. When this occurs, the regular physician bills and receives payment for the substitute physician's services as though the regular physician performed the services. This rule establishes definitions, coverage and limitations relating to the following eligible providers of physician services who retain the services of substitutes: doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, optometrists, and doctors of podiatric medicine.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule 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. 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. Testimony received may be reviewed at this address.