

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: 11/18/2019
TIME: 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Lazarus Building, Room B501
50 W. Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414

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 amend the rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-2-75, entitled Outpatient hospital reimbursement is being proposed for amendment. This rule sets forth the Medicaid hospital reimbursement methodology for hospitals subject to Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) system prospective payment. The Department of Medicaid is proposing to amend the policy to clarify language and to continue to reform and modernize outpatient hospital reimbursement. The formula used to calculate outpatient payments has not changed. The Department will recalibrate relative weights for outpatient services in order to facilitate the move from EAPG version 3.9 to version 3.14. In addition, the Department will apply a budget neutrality factor to all EAPG types and a payment neutrality adjustment to hospital-specific base rates in order to maintain existing payments for Ohio hospitals. In addition, the proposed amendment will clarify existing language regarding payments for dental procedures, durable medical equipment, and observation services. Finally, the proposed amendment will, for administrative reasons, remove the provisions and methodology for the payment of outpatient hospital behavioral health services, these provisions and methodology will be placed into a new rule that will preserve the current policies.

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.