

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2021

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: 614-721-2972

TELECONFERENCE PIN: 12810121#

Pursuant to Chapter 119. and section 5164.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of ODM's intent to consider the amendment of the rules identified below and to hold a public hearing on these rules.

Coverage and payment policy for acupuncture services is set forth in rule 5160-8-51. This rule is being rescinded and replaced with new rule 5160-8-51. The new rule adds coverage of acupuncture services for the following additional conditions: cervical (neck) pain, osteoarthritis of the hip, osteoarthritis of the knee, nausea or vomiting related to pregnancy or chemotherapy, and acute post-operative pain. Language has also been added to describe how acupuncture services are paid when performed by a non-physician acupuncture provider in a hospital setting. Lastly, revisions involve improvements in the organization of the rule and clarification of phrasing.

Pursuant to Am. Sub. H. B. 404 (133rd G. A.), ODM will hold the public hearing for this rule package via teleconference. The date, time, phone number, and PIN (access code) this hearing are listed at the top of this Notice. All interested parties are invited to participate in the public hearing. Both oral and written testimony will be accepted for this hearing and will be given the same consideration. Persons who want to give oral testimony are asked to send a message by e-mail to Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov no later than one hour before the hearing to be added to the witness list. There will be a final call at the end of the hearing for persons who wish to offer oral testimony but do not yet appear on the witness list.

Written comments submitted by e-mail, postal mail, or fax that are received or postmarked no later than the day of the hearing will be accepted as testimony and will become part of the hearing record. All testimony will become public record; therefore, ODM asks that protected health information (PHI) be excluded unless the information belongs to the person submitting the testimony or to a person for which the submitter is a legal guardian. Written testimony sent by e-mail is highly recommended. All persons who submit testimony by e-mail will be sent a confirmation of receipt.

A copy of these rules is available to any person, without charge, at the following locations:
Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215; or
On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>.

Comments on the rules and requests for a copy of the rules may 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.

Testimony on the proposed rules may also be reviewed at the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215.