

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: September 15, 2025
TIME: 11:00 A.M.
Teleconference Dial-in Phone Number: 614-721-2972
Teleconference Pin: 850623117#
Link to Microsoft Teams Meeting for Hearing: [Join the meeting now](#)
In-Person Location: Room A501, Lazarus Building
50 W Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Chapter 119. and section 5164.02 of the Revised Code, the Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of ODM's intent to consider the amendment of the rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5160-1-14 titled "Healthchek: early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) covered services" is being proposed for amendment as part of the five-year rule review to comply with rule language requirements and update dated references.

This rule defines terms, sets forth eligible providers of EPSDT services, addresses coverage provisions for screening services and the scope of coverage, requires providers to make appropriate referrals without delay, and specifies payment may be made for certain additional services provided during or as part of an EPSDT screening visit. Proposed changes to this rule include the removal of multiple regulatory restrictions in accordance with section 121.95 of the Revised Code, updates to dated references, and removal of the date within the bright future guidelines reference in accordance with section 121.75(B)(6) of the Revised Code, as these guidelines are updated annually and remain available on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website. In addition, a provision was added to specify that screening and diagnostic services for incarcerated individuals under the age of 21 in the 30 days prior to release will be considered Medicaid-covered services in accordance with section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, 42 U.S.C. 1396a.

ODM will hold the public hearing for this rule package via teleconference and in-person. ODM will not require masks for individuals attending in person. However, visitors are welcome to wear masks if that is their preference. The date and time for the public hearing are listed at the top of this Notice as well as the phone number, PIN (access code), and link for teleconference attendance, and location for in-person attendance.

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. Those attending in person can be added to the witness list at the hearing. There will be a final call at the end of the hearing for persons who wish to offer oral testimony but are not yet on the witness list.

Written comments submitted in-person, 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 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/>. Requests for a copy of the proposed rule or comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Office of 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.

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