

**FEDERAL MEDICAID AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: August 14, 2013
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 2921, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5111.85, Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, and 42 C.F.R. 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below on a permanent basis and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule **5101:3-1-06.1** entitled **Home and community-based services waivers: PASSPORT**, is being proposed for amendment to increase the maximum reimbursement rate for services provided through the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver program. The change to the rule will increase the maximum allowable reimbursement rates for PASSPORT services, except the adult day service (ADS), to an amount that is equal to 98.5% of the rate paid on June 30, 2011. The ADS service will be increased by 20% over the rate set in rule on June 30, 2013. These rate increases are being implemented as required by Am. Sub. H.B. 59 and will be effective on September 27, 2013.

Rule **5101:3-1-06.4** entitled **Home and community-based services waivers: Choices**, is being proposed for amendment to increase the maximum reimbursement rate for services provided through the Choices Medicaid waiver program. The change to the rule will increase the maximum allowable reimbursement rates for Choices services, except the adult day service (ADS) and emergency response system service (ERS), to an amount that is equal to 98.5% of the rate paid on June 30, 2011. The ADS service will be increased by 20% over the rate set in rule on June 30, 2013. The ERS rate will increase match the PASSPORT rate. These rate increases are being implemented to support non-institutional home and community based services and will be effective on September 27, 2013.

Rule **5101:3-1-06.5** entitled **Home and community-based services waivers: Assisted Living**, is being proposed for amendment to increase the maximum reimbursement rate for services provided through the Assisted Living Medicaid waiver program. The change to the rule will increase the maximum allowable reimbursement rates for assisted living services by 3%. The community transition service will increase to equal 98.5% of the rate paid on June 30, 2011. These rate increases are being implemented to support non-institutional home and community based services and will be effective on September 27, 2013.

The aggregate increase in expenditures for Ohio's Medicaid program to increase the maximum allowable rate of reimbursement for PASSPORT, Choices, and Assisted Living waiver services is estimated to be approximately \$12,470,698.00 (state and federal funds) in state fiscal year 2013.

Copies of the proposed emergency and permanent rules are available at the address listed below, without charge, to any person affected by the rules and at the county departments of job and family services. The proposed rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or 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 rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, c/o Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and

Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov. Comments received may be reviewed upon request.