

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: February 16, 2006
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 2925, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5111.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the permanent amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules were filed on an emergency basis on December 30, 2005.

Rule 5101:3-1-17.2, entitled Provider agreement for providers [except long-term care nursing facilities and Medicaid contracting managed care plans (MCPs)], is being proposed for amendment in order to maintain consistency with the rules for the implementation of the expansion of Medicaid consumer co-payments effective on January 1, 2006. This rule sets forth Medicaid policy regarding Medicaid provider agreements. A valid provider agreement with Medicaid will act as a provider agreement for participation in the Medicaid and/or the Disability Medical Assistance programs. The change to the rule is changing the rule reference on Medicaid consumer co-payment policy from rule 5101:3-9-09 to rule 5101:3-1-09. This revision reflects the expansion of Medicaid co-payments from pharmacy services requiring prior authorization (PA) to certain pharmacy services that do not require PA, dental services, certain vision services, and non-emergency emergency room services as set forth in rule 5101:3-1-09.

Rule 5101:3-1-29, entitled Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse, is being proposed for amendment in order to maintain consistency with the rules for the implementation of the expansion of Medicaid consumer co-payments effective on January 1, 2006. This rule sets forth Medicaid policy regarding fraud, waste and abuse of medical services in the Medicaid program. The change to the rule is changing the rule reference on Medicaid consumer co-payment policy from rule 5101:3-9-09 to rule 5101:3-1-09. This revision reflects the expansion of Medicaid co-payments from pharmacy services requiring prior authorization (PA) to certain pharmacy services that do not require PA, dental services, certain vision services, and non-emergency emergency room services as set forth in rule 5101:3-1-09.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The 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 Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-0414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at legal@odjfs.state.oh.us.