

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

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2015
TIME: 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Room A501, Lazarus Building
50 W. Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 447.205, section 5164.02, 5164.77 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of OAC 5160-12-05 and OAC 5160-12-05 Appendix A, as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. It is estimated that changes to these rules will increase the annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures at federal and state levels. The federal share attributed to the home health aide rate increase is \$18.26 mil, while \$6.21 mil is the state share attributed to the rate increase for home health aide services, beginning January 1, 2016 through the end of the current biennium (\$2.07 mil state share for 2nd half of SFY 2016 and \$4.14 mil state share for full year, SFY 2017).

OAC 5160-12-05, entitled "Reimbursement: home health services" is being proposed for amendment to adjust rates that will reflect an ensuing increase in the payment set for home health aide services. The rate change is at the direction of the Main Operating Budget FY2016-FY2017, as passed by the 131st Ohio General Assembly:

SECTION 327.250. RATE FOR HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES

(B) Notwithstanding section 5164.77 of the Revised Code, the Medicaid payment rate for home health aide services that are provided by a provider, other than an independent provider, during the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, shall be at least five per cent higher than the rate in effect on October 1, 2015, for those services.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule(s) at the address listed below and at the county departments of job and family services. The rule(s) 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 St., Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-3986, or by e-mail at Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov. Testimony received may be reviewed at this address.