

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: May 8th, 2017
TIME: 11:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Lazarus Building, 50 West Town Street,
Room A401, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5164.02 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 5160-1-06.1 Appendix A, 5160-31-05, and 5160-31-07 as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The Department is proposing these changes in order to strengthen access to waiver services and pay comparable rates for similar services in the nursing facility level of care delivery system. It is estimated that changes to this rule will have no impact on the annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures at the federal or state level.

OAC 5160-1-06.1, entitled "*Home and community-based services waivers: PASSPORT*" is being proposed for amendment. The rule sets forth in Appendix A the billing maximums for services furnished through the PASSPORT waiver. The proposed amendment will establish the billing maximum for the PASSPORT shared living service.

OAC 5160-31-05, entitled "*PASSPORT HCBS waiver program covered services*" is being proposed for amendment. The rule sets forth the services covered by the PASSPORT program. The proposed amendment adds the Shared Living service as a covered service.

OAC 5160-31-07, entitled "*PASSPORT HCBS Waiver program rate setting*" is being proposed for amendment. The rule sets forth the methods used to determine provider rates in the PASSPORT program. The proposed amendment establishes a statewide rate method for the shared living service.

A copy of the proposed rules are available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below and at the county departments of job and family services. 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. 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 rules and testimony on the rules 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.