

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: November 17, 2022

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Teleconference Dial-in Phone Number: 614-732-2872

Teleconference Pin: 369876469#

Link to Microsoft Teams Meeting for Hearing: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

In-Person Location: 50 W. Town St. Columbus, OH 43215, Room A501

Pursuant to Chapter 119. and sections 5167.02, 5164.02 and 5166.02 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 rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

As part of its Next Generation of Managed Care, and in partnership with the Governor's Children's Initiative and other child-service state agencies, ODM designed a reimagined Medicaid system and structure to better serve children and youth who have complex behavioral health and multi-system needs through the Ohio Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence (OhioRISE) program.

The OhioRISE Program, operated by ODM, is a managed care prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) for children with behavioral health needs who are often served by multiple delivery systems in the state. Since beginning the OhioRISE program on July 1, 2022, the Department of Medicaid has determined that the enrollment period for an individual in the OhioRISE program should be extended and the reimbursement rate should be increased for the assessment service used for eligibility determination. ODM is proposing changes to the rules to allow for these changes.

**OAC rule 5160-59-02, entitled "OhioRISE: eligibility and enrollment,"** sets forth the eligibility criteria for individuals to be enrolled in the OhioRISE program along with the enrollment and disenrollment process. The amended rule will increase the amount of time that an individual can be enrolled in the OhioRISE program before being disenrolled.

**OAC rule 5160-27-03, entitled "Reimbursement for community behavioral health services,"** defines the reimbursement policy for Medicaid covered behavioral health services. It also includes an appendix which states covered services and reimbursement rates. The rule and appendix are being proposed for amendment in order to increase the payment rates for the child and adolescent needs and strengths (CANS) assessments.

ODM will hold the public hearing for this rule package via teleconference and in-person. All in-person attendees are required to follow Lazarus building COVID-19 safety protocols when inside the ODM office. ODM will not require masks for individuals entering the building. However, visitors are welcome to wear masks if that is their preference. Masks are encouraged if visitors are not up to date with vaccine and boosters, have an immune disorder, or chronic medical condition(s). ODM encourages social distancing in all areas of the office. 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](mailto: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 rules are available, without charge, to any person at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rules 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](mailto:Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov).

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