

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: November 17, 2023

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Teleconference Dial-in Phone Number: 1-614-721-2972

Teleconference Pin: 584060440#

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

In-Person Location: Room A501, Lazarus Building  
50 W Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Chapter 119. and Section 5164.02 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 rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 5160-2-60, entitled Hospital Cost Coverage Add-on, sets forth the methodology with which ODM will provide hospitals a cost coverage add-on (CCA) to ensure adequate access for Medicaid recipients to inpatient and outpatient hospital services. This cost coverage add-on, which is case-mix adjusted, is added as a component to a hospital's base payment for each inpatient discharge or outpatient service on or after the effective date of the rule for those hospitals paid under the "All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group" (APR-DRG) inpatient prospective payment system and the "Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping" (EAPG) outpatient prospective payment system. For those hospitals excluded from the prospective payment systems, the cost coverage add-on will be a percentage increase to their prospective inpatient and outpatient cost-to-charge ratios for discharges or services on or after the effective date of the rule. The methodology in this rule does not apply to the Medicaid maximum allowed amount calculation described in OAC 5160-2-25.

The Department is proposing to remove language pertaining to Psychiatric Emergency Departments (PED) since the only hospital to qualify as having a PED has since closed and no other hospital meets the definition of having a PED. Additionally, we are proposing to remove references to Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health (OPHBH) visits since ODM will be reimbursing behavioral health services performed in an outpatient setting under 3M's EAPG reimbursement methodology.

ODM will hold the public hearing for this rule package via teleconference and in person. ODM will not require masks for individuals attending in person. However, visitors are welcome to wear masks if that is their preference. 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 rule is available, without charge, to any person at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registrofiohio.state.oh.us/>. Requests for a copy of the proposed rule or comments on the rule 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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