

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

DATE: November, 17th 2025

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

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

Teleconference Pin: 591777391#

Link to Microsoft Teams Meeting for Hearing: [Join the meeting now](#)

In-Person Location: Lazarus Building 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio Room A501

Pursuant to Chapter 119.03 and sections 5164.02 and 5164.95 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 rule 5160-1-18, "Telehealth," is being proposed for amendment by ODM as part of the five-year review process. This rule provides definitional information, eligible rendering and billing providers, covered telehealth services, provider responsibilities, and key guidelines for submission and payment of telehealth claims. The following changes were made:

- Eligible Providers in section (B) was modified to include the following changes:
 - o Addition of Doula and International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants
 - o Removal of Hospice Aides
 - o Removal of Private duty registered nurses or licensed practical nurses in a hospice setting
- Health care services eligible for payment were updated in paragraph (D) to include:
 - o Addition of:
 - Doula services as defined in rule 5160-8-43 of the Administrative Code.
 - Nurse home visiting services as defined in rule 5160-21-05 of the Administrative Code.
 - Report of Pregnancy submitted on either form ODM 10257, "Report of Pregnancy (ROP)," or its web-based equivalent.
 - EAPG covered telehealth-eligible codes as identified on the ODM Website: www.medicaid.ohio.gov.
 - Individual counseling for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
 - Services that have a code description including a telehealth component and are covered in an ODM fee schedule.
 - Other services, if specifically authorized in rule promulgated under agency 5160 of the Administrative Code.
- In paragraph (E)(8)(c), a rendering provider's NPI was added as part of the criteria needed for professional claims being submitted for telehealth services.
- Removed COVID-19 language since the emergency has expired.
- Grammatical changes are made throughout the rule.

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 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.registerofohio.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.

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