

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

DATE: May 16, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Teleconference Phone Number 1-614-721-2972

Teleconference Pin 916211497#

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

Pursuant to Chapter 119. and section 5167.02 of the Revised Code, the Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) gives notice of ODM's intent to consider the adoption, amendment, or rescission of the rule identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160-26-03.2, entitled "Managed care: long-term services and supports respite services for children" sets forth the eligibility criteria for long-term services and supports (LTSS) respite services for children and provider enrollment requirements. This new rule is being developed to align with the new behavioral health respite service that will be offered through the OhioRISE program. This rule replaces paragraph (J) of OAC Rule 5160-26-03. In addition, this new rule has less restrictive eligibility requirements to encourage greater participation including:

- Removing the 100 hour service limit and added prior authorization in lieu of,
- Removing the behavioral health respite benefit as it will be covered by the OhioRISE program, and
- Paragraph (B)(4) changes previous language to require only one long-term services and supports (LTSS) need versus all four.

Pursuant to Section three of Sub. H.B. 51 (134th General Assembly), ODM will hold the public hearing for this rule package via teleconference. The phone number, PIN (access code), link for teleconference attendance, and the date and time for this hearing are listed at the top of this Notice. All interested parties are invited to participate in the public hearing. Oral and written testimony will be accepted for this hearing and will be given the same consideration. Those who want to give oral testimony are asked to send an email to Rules@Medicaid.Ohio.gov no later than one hour before the hearing to be added to the witness list. There will be a final call at the end of the hearing for those who wish to offer oral testimony but are not on the witness list.

Written comments submitted via fax, United States Postal Service, and email that are received or postmarked no later than the day of the hearing will be accepted as testimony and become part of the hearing record. All testimony will become public record; therefore, ODM asks that protected health information 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 via email is highly recommended. All testimony received via email will receive 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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