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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Skilled Therapy (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology Services, and Audiology Services)
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Consolidation of Rules Governing Skilled Therapy

The provision of skilled therapy (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology services, and audiology services) in non-institutional settings is currently addressed in five rules in Chapter 5160-8 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

- Rule 5160-8-30, "Skilled therapy: scope and definitions"
- Rule 5160-8-31, "Skilled therapy: providers"
- Rule 5160-8-32, "Skilled therapy: coverage"
- Rule 5160-8-33, "Skilled therapy: documentation of services"
- Rule 5160-8-34, "Skilled therapy: payment"

These five rules have been rescinded and their content has been combined into a single new rule 5160-8-35, "Skilled therapy services." Outdated terminology and references as well as eligible providers have been updated to include the removal of the Medicare participation requirement. Duplicative, contradictory, or otherwise unnecessary provisions have been consolidated or removed. Except for services rendered in the Medicaid school program (MSP), language has been added in accordance with federal mandate to only cover services rendered in response to a prescription or a referral issued by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts.

Rule 5160-4-26, "Physical medicine and rehabilitation services," allows Medicaid payment for covered physical medicine and rehabilitation services performed by a physician or by a licensed individual under the direct supervision of a physician. This rule has been rescinded because its provisions are addressed in other OAC rules.

These changes take effect on October 1, 2018.

Additional Information

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