



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: February 10, 2026
To: Ohio Medicaid Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Updates to the OAC Rule 5160-8-52 Pharmacist Services

Summary

Important update regarding the [Ohio Administrative Code \(OAC\) Rule 5160-8-52](#), which pertains to services provided by pharmacists. **The effective date of the rule revision is January 1, 2026.**

Impact

The amended rule sets forth coverage and payment policies for services rendered by pharmacists and has been updated as part of the five-year rule review. Key changes include:

1. Coverage and Payment Policies:
 - The rule now allows pharmacists to receive payment for professional services provided in hospital settings.
2. Rescission of Previous Payment Policy:
 - Paragraph (D)(4): The previous stipulation stating, "No separate payment will be made for pharmacist services provided in an inpatient or outpatient hospital, emergency department, or inpatient psychiatric facility place of service," has been rescinded. This change allows for separate payment for pharmacist services in these settings.
3. Claims Payment Criteria:
 - New language has been added to outline the claims payment criteria specifically for hospital-employed pharmacists, ensuring clarity on how these services will be reimbursed.

Impact and Importance

This change allows for billing of pharmacist provided services at the individual pharmacist level or the hospital setting.

As a provider, it is essential to understand these changes to ensure compliance with the updated rules and to optimize the delivery of services by a pharmacist within your practice.

Next Steps

- Review the updated [OAC Rule 5160-8-52](#) to understand how these changes may affect your practice and the services you provide.

Questions?

Please contact the Provider Services Center at **1-800-488-0134**. We are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Time.

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