

## Notice of Proposed Rule

**AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION****Medicaid**

RULE NO: RULE TITLE

59G-4.340: Visual Services

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment to Rule 59G-4.340, F.A.C., is to incorporate by reference the Florida Medicaid Visual Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, updated January 2010. The effect of the handbook update includes a reduction in Medicaid coverage for eyeglass frames and lenses for recipients age 21 and older and clarification of Visual Services policy.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment to Rule 59G-4.340, F.A.C., revises and updates the Florida Medicaid Visual Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook to include a reduction in Medicaid coverage for eyeglass frames and lenses for recipients age 21 and older and clarifies Visual Services policy.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this rule will have an impact on small business. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 409.919 FS.LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.906, 409.908 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Conference Room D, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kathryn Stephens at the Bureau of Medicaid Services, (850)922-7314. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kathryn Stephens, Medicaid Services, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407, e-mail: stepheka@ahca.myflorida.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59G-4.340 Visual Services.

(1) No change.

(2) All visual services practitioners enrolled in the Medicaid program must be in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Medicaid Visual Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, ~~updated January 2010~~ ~~January 2006,~~ ~~updated January 2007,~~ which is incorporated by reference, and the Florida Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Handbook, CMS-1500, which is incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-4.001, F.A.C. Both handbooks are available from the Medicaid fiscal agent's Web Portal website at <http://mymedicaid-florida.com> ~~http://floridamedicaid.acs-inc.com~~. Click on Public Information for Providers, then on Provider Support, and then on Provider Handbooks. Paper copies of the handbooks may be obtained by calling the Provider Contact Center Inquiry at (800)289-7799 ~~377-8216~~ and selecting Option 7.

Rulemaking Specific Authority 409.919 FS. Law Implemented 409.906, 409.908 FS. History--New 7-30-80, Formerly 10C-7.521, Amended 4-20-93, 8-25-93, Formerly 10C-7.0521, Amended 12-21-97, 10-13-98, 6-10-99, 4-23-00, 1-23-02, 2-20-03, 8-5-03, 10-12-04, 8-18-05, 5-22-06, 4-4-07,\_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Kathryn Stephens

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Thomas W. Arnold

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 21, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: October 2, 2009