# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN OHIO COURTS

**Comments requested:** The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comments until February 18, 2016 on the following proposed amendments to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure (4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5, 10, 19.1, 37, 54, and 65.1), the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure (16), the Ohio Rules of Evidence (601 and 803), and the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure (20).

**Authority:** The proposed amendments are being considered by the Supreme Court pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B) of the Ohio Constitution, as proposed by the Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure in Ohio Courts and pursuant to the document styled "Process for Amending the Rules of Practice and Procedure in Ohio Courts" as set forth on the following page.

**Purpose of Publication:** The Supreme Court has authorized the publication of the proposed amendments for public comment. The authorization for publication by the Court is neither an endorsement of, nor a declaration of, intent to approve the proposed amendments. The purpose of the publication is to invite the judiciary, the practicing bar, and the public at large to provide thoughtful and meaningful feedback on the legal and practical effect of the proposed amendments.

**Comment Contact:** Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to Michael Farley, Judicial & Legislative Affairs Counsel, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431 or Michael.Farley@sc.ohio.gov and received no later than February 18, 2016. Please include your full name and regular mailing address in any comment submitted by e-mail. Copies of all comments submitted will be provided to each member of the Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure and each Justice of the Supreme Court.

**Comment Deadline:** Comments must be submitted no later than February 18, 2016.

**Staff Notes:** A Staff Note may follow a proposed amendment. Staff Notes are prepared by the Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. Although the Supreme Court uses the Staff Notes during its consideration of proposed amendments, the Staff Notes are not adopted by the Supreme Court and are not a part of the rule. As such, the Staff Notes represent the views of the Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure and not necessarily those of the Supreme Court. The Staff Notes are not filed with the General Assembly, but are included when the proposed amendments are published for public comment and are made available to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly.

# PROCESS ON AMENDING THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN OHIO COURTS

In 1968 the citizens of Ohio approved proposed amendments to Article IV of the Ohio Constitution granting the Supreme Court, among other duties, rule-making authority for the judicial branch of Ohio government. These amendments are otherwise known as the Modern Courts Amendment.

Pursuant to this rule-making authority, the Supreme Court has created the Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Commission"). The Commission consists of nineteen members, including judges as nominated by the six judges' associations, and members of the practicing bar appointed by the Supreme Court. The Commission reviews and recommends amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rules of Juvenile Procedure, and Rules of Evidence.

In the fall of each year, the Commission submits to the Supreme Court proposed amendments to the rules of practice and procedure that it recommends take effect the following July 1. The Supreme Court then authorizes the publication of the rules for public comment. The authorization by the Court of the publication of the proposed amendments is neither an endorsement of, nor a declaration of, intent to approve the proposed amendments. It is an invitation to the judiciary, the practicing bar, and the public at large to provide thoughtful and meaningful feedback on the legal and practical effect of the proposed amendments. The public comments are reviewed by the Commission which may withdraw, amend, or resubmit all or any provision of the proposed amendments to the Supreme Court. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B), if the proposed amendments are to take effect by July 1, the Supreme Court is required to file the proposed amendments with the General Assembly by January 15.

Once the proposed amendments are filed with the General Assembly they are published by the Supreme Court for a second round of public comment. The authorization by the Court of a second round of publication for public comment is neither an endorsement of, nor a declaration of, intent to approve the proposed amendments. As with the first round of publication, it is an approval inviting the judiciary, the practicing bar, and the public at large to provide thoughtful and meaningful feedback on the legal and practical effects of the proposed amendments. Once the second round of public comments is ended, the comments are reviewed by the Commission which may withdraw, amend, or resubmit all or any provision of the proposed amendments to the Supreme Court for final consideration.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B), the Supreme Court has until April 30 of each year to accept all or any provision of the proposed amendments, and file with the General Assembly the amendments which the Court approves. The General Assembly has until June 30 to issue a concurrent resolution of disapproval for all or any portion of a proposed amendment the Supreme Court has proposed. If a concurrent resolution of disapproval is not issued by that date, the proposed amendments become effective July 1.

Following is a summary of the proposed amendments. In addition to the substantive amendments, nonsubstantive grammar and gender-neutral language changes are made throughout any rule that is proposed for amendment.

#### **SUMMARY**

#### **Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure**

### Civ.R. 4.1—Commercial Carrier Service

The Commission recommends an amendment to Civ.R. 4.1. Civ.R. 4.1(A)(1)(b) was adopted in 2012 to provide the clerk with an option to make service of process by a commercial carrier service as an alternative to service by United Stated States certified or express mail. The proposed amendment permits the serving party to provide written instruction to the clerk that service be made by United States certified or express mail pursuant to Civ.R. 4.1(A)(1)(a). When the serving party provides such instruction, the commercial carrier option is not available to the clerk for the initial attempt to make service of process in that case.

#### Civ.R. 4.2, Civ.R. 19.1—Gender Neutral Changes

The Commission recommends amendments to Civ.R. 4.2 and Civ.R. 19.1 be amended as gender neutral where appropriate to comply with the decision of U.S. Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, 135 S.Ct. 2584 (2015). The proposed changes are limited to making the rules gender neutral, with the exception of non-substantive stylistic changes in Civ.R. 19.1

### Civ.R. 4.4—Publication Service of Process

The Commission recommends amendments to Civ.R. 4.4 to provide that publication by posting service of process is an appropriate method of service in Civ.R. 65.1 civil protection order proceedings, under certain conditions described in that division of the rule. As stated in division (A)(2) of the rule, a petitioner who is proceeding in forma pauperis and who requests publication by posting service of process must file an affidavit with the court containing the same averments required by division (A)(1) of the rule, i.e., that service of summons cannot be made because the residence of the defendant is unknown to the affiant, all of the efforts made on behalf of the party to ascertain the residence of the defendant, and that the residence of the defendant cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence. However, the alternative method of posting on the website of the clerk of courts is not available for service of protection orders issued pursuant to Civ.R. 65.1.

## Civ.R. 5—Service and Filing of Papers

The Commission recommends amendments to Civ.R. 5 to conform to the stylistic changes made to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in 2007. Civ.R. 5(D) is the general rule providing the time for filing; the recommended amendments make this general rule subject to, and superseded by, any provisions in other civil rules, local rules, or orders of court that set a different time for filing, e.g., a local rule or case management order setting the time for filing briefs in connection with a motion. The recommended amendments to Civ.R. 5 maintain the current requirement that any "paper" (restyled from "documents" in the current rule) "be filed within three days after service," as opposed to the corresponding Federal Rule which requires only that the paper be "filed within a reasonable time after service." The Commission also recommends an

amendment to Juv.R. 20, discussed below, that substantially conforms that rule to the proposed changes in Civ.R. 5.

## Civ.R. 10—Affidavit of Merit and Interaction with Rules of Evidence

The Commission recommends amendments to Civ.R.10 that correct an inaccuracy in the prior rule which indicated that Evid.R. 601(D) applies to the qualification of an affiant for all medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic claims. While Evid.R. 702 applies to all of those claims, Evid.R. 601(D) only applies to the qualifications of an affiant for certain medical claims.

### Civ.R. 37—Failure to Make Discovery, Sanctions

The Commission recommends amendments to Civ.R. 37 which adopt the 2007 stylistic changes to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 and also include four additions to the Ohio rule, described in the Staff Notes to the amendments, which were added to the Federal rule after the adoption of the current Ohio rule.

# Civ.R. 54—Judgments, Costs, Availability of Award of Attorney Fees

The Commission recommends an amendment to Civ.R. 54. A new division (E) is added to supersede any application of the decision in *State ex rel. Citizens for Open, Responsive & Accountable Govt. v. Register*, 116 Ohio St.3d 88, 2007–Ohio–5542 to an award of attorney fees authorized by the civil rules. The amendment specifies that when any provision of the rules authorizes an award of attorney fees, the court may award the reasonable value of the services performed by the attorney, whether or not the party actually paid or is obligated to pay the attorney for such services.

### Civ.R. 65.1—Civil Protection Order Proceedings

The Commission recommends amendments to Civ.R. 65.1(C) to provide the method for service of process of motions for modifications, contempt, renewal, or termination of civil protection orders or consent agreements. The Staff Notes to the amendments also reiterate the method for initial service of process and for subsequent service in Civil Protection Order proceedings.

Amendments to Civ.R. 65.1(F)(3) apply the provisions of that division to motions for modifications, contempt, renewal, or termination of civil protection orders or consent agreements.

Finally, amendments to Civ.R. 65.1(G) require a party to file objections to court orders entered in matters referred to magistrates prior to appealing those court orders.

### **Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure**

## Crim.R. 16—Discovery: Right to Copy or Photograph

The Commission recommends an amendment to Crim.R. 16 to put into effect the rule announced in *State v. Athon*, 2013-Ohio-1956, where the Court addressed the question of when a

request for discovery by a criminal defendant triggers reciprocal discovery obligations under Crim.R. 16(H). The amendment establishes a standard designed to allow defense counsel to determine, at the time of filing a public records request, whether that request would trigger reciprocal discovery.

#### **Ohio Rules of Evidence**

## Evid.R. 601—General Rules of Competency, Medical Malpractice Claims

The Commission recommends amendments to Evid.R. 601(D) to clarify the application of the rule and to incorporate the substance of the provisions of R.C. 2743.43 to the extent those provisions are not inconsistent with the rule.

The amendments make clear that Evid.R. 601(D) applies only to expert testimony as to liability in a medical claim, as defined by R.C. 2305.113, asserted against a physician, podiatrist, or hospital arising out of the diagnosis, care, or treatment of any person by a physician or podiatrist. The rule does not apply to expert testimony for any other medical claims, or for any dental, optometric, or chiropractic claims, as defined by R.C. 2305.113.

The structure of Evid.R. 601(D) is also revised to more-closely resemble the structure of R.C. 2743.43, now superseded by the rule which continues to require that the person devote at least one half of his or her professional time to the active clinical practice in his or her field of licensure, or to its instruction in an accredited school.

**Evid.R. 803**—Hearsay; Absence of a Public Record or Entry, Testimonial Documents and Notice

The Commission proposes amendments to Evid.R. 803(10) to adopt the 2011 federal stylistic changes as well as add 803(10)(b) which is modeled upon amendments made to the Fed.R.Evid. 803(10) after the United States Supreme Court released their ruling in *Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts*, 557. U.S. 305 (2009). The recommended amendment would require a prosecutor, in a criminal case, to provide written notice to the defense that the prosecutor intends to offer a testimonial certification stating the absence of a public record. The defense would be afforded the opportunity to object in writing within seven days of receiving the notice (the court would have flexibility in establishing other timelines). *Melendez-Diaz* expressly allows for the admission of a testimonial certificate provided the defense is provided notice and does not timely demand the presence of the person who prepared the certificate.

### **Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure**

## *Juv.R.* 20—Service and Filing of Papers

The Commission recommends amendment of Juv.R. 20 to harmonize the rule with Civ.R. 5(D). The current Juvenile rule provides that "(a)ll papers required to be served upon a party shall be filed *simultaneously with or immediately after service*" (emphasis added). The proposed amendments to Juv.R. 20 adopt the "within three-days after service" requirement Civ.R. 5(D). This

amendment also harmonizes the rule with the proposed amendments to Civ.R. 5(D) by making this general rule for the time of filing subject to, and superseded by, any provision in other juvenile rules, local rules, or orders of court that set a different time for filing.

# 1 OHIO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 2

## **RULE 4.1** Process: Methods of Service

All methods of service within this state, except service by publication as provided in Civ.R. 4.4(A), are described in this rule. Methods of out-of-state service and for service in a foreign country are described in Civ.R. 4.3 and 4.5.

# (A) Service by clerk.

## (1) Methods of service.

- (a) Service by United States certified or express mail. Evidenced by return receipt signed by any person, service of any process shall be by United States certified or express mail unless otherwise permitted by these rules. The clerk shall deliver a copy of the process and complaint or other document to be served to the United States Postal Service for mailing at the address set forth in the caption or at the address set forth in written instructions furnished to the clerk as certified or express mail return receipt requested, with instructions to the delivering postal employee to show to whom delivered, date of delivery, and address where delivered.
- (b) Service by commercial carrier service. As an alternative to Unless the serving party furnishes written instructions to the clerk that service under be made pursuant to Civ.R. 4.1(A)(1)(a), the clerk may make service of any process by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt. The clerk shall deliver a copy of the process and complaint or other document to be served to a commercial carrier service for delivery at the address set forth in the caption or at the address set forth in written instructions furnished to the clerk, with instructions to the carrier to return a signed receipt showing to whom delivered, date of delivery, and address where delivered.

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## Staff Notes (July 1, 2016 Amendment)

Rule 4.1(A)(1)(b) was adopted in 2012 to provide the clerk with an option to make service of process by a commercial carrier service as an alternative to service by United States certified or express mail. Under certain circumstances, the serving party may prefer that service be made by U.S. mail. Therefore, the provisions of Civ.R. 4.1(A)(1)(b) are amended to permit the serving party to furnish written instructions to the clerk that service be made by United States certified or express mail pursuant to Civ.R. 4.1(A)(1)(a), in which case the commercial carrier option is not available to the clerk for the initial attempt to make service of process.

# **RULE 4.2** Process: Who May be Served

Service of process pursuant to Civ.R. 4 through Civ.R. 4.6, except service by publication as provided in Civ.R. 4.4(A), shall be made as follows:

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(B) Upon a person under sixteen years of age by serving either the person's guardian or any one of the following persons with whom the person to be served lives or resides: father, mother, a parent or the individual having the care of the person; or by serving the person if the person neither has a guardian nor lives or resides with a parent or a person having his or her care;

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### Staff Note (July 1, 2016 Amendments)

Division 4.2(B) of the rule is amended to substitute "a parent" for "father" and "mother" as a person upon whom service of process may be made to effectuate service of process upon a person under sixteen years of age. The amendment is made in accordance with the July 26, 2015 Administrative Action of the Ohio Supreme Court, 06/26/2015 Administrative Actions, 2015-Ohio-2568, which ordered that the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure be construed and amended as gender neutral where appropriate to comply with the decision of U.S. Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, 135 S.Ct. 2584 (2015).

## **RULE 4.4.** Process: Service by Publication

### (A) Residence unknown.

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(2) In a divorce, annulment, or legal separation action, and in actions pertaining to the care, custody, and control of children whose parents are not married, and in all post-decree proceedings, and in civil protection order proceedings pursuant to Civ. R. 65.1, if the plaintiff is proceeding in forma pauperis and if the residence of the defendant is unknown, service by publication shall be made by posting and mail. Before service by posting and mail can be made, an affidavit of a party or the party's counsel shall be filed with the court. The affidavit shall contain the same averments required by division (A)(1) of this rule and, in addition, shall set forth the defendant's last known address.

Upon the filing of the affidavit, the clerk shall cause service of notice to be made by posting in a conspicuous place in the courthouse or courthouses in which the general and domestic relations divisions of the court of common pleas for the county are located and in two additional public places in the county that have been designated by local rule for the posting of notices pursuant to this rule. Alternatively, the postings, except for protection orders issued pursuant to Civ.R. 65.1, may be made on the website of the clerk of courts, if available, in a section designated for such purpose. The notice shall contain the same information required by division (A)(1) of this rule to

be contained in a newspaper publication. The notice shall be posted in the required locations for six successive weeks.

The clerk shall also cause the complaint and summons to be mailed by United States ordinary mail, address correction requested, to the defendant's last known address. The clerk shall obtain a certificate of mailing from the United States Postal Service. If the clerk is notified of a corrected or forwarding address of the defendant within the six-week period that notice is posted pursuant to division (A)(2) of this rule, the clerk shall cause the complaint and summons to be mailed to the corrected or forwarding address. The clerk shall note the name, address, and date of each mailing on the docket.

After the last week of posting, the clerk shall note on the docket where and when notice was posted. Service shall be complete upon the entry of posting.

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## Staff Note (July 1, 2016 Amendment)

#### Division (A): Residence unknown.

Division (A)(2) is amended to provide that publication by posting service of process is an appropriate method of service in Civ.R. 65.1 civil protection order proceedings under the conditions described in that division of the rule. As stated in division (A)(2) of the rule, a petitioner who is proceeding in forma pauperis and who requests publication by posting service of process must file an affidavit with the court containing the same averments required by division (A)(1) of the rule, i.e., that service of summons cannot be made because the residence of the defendant is unknown to the affiant, all of the efforts made on behalf of the party to ascertain the residence of the defendant, and that the residence of the defendant cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence.

 The service of process by publication by way of posting of a civil protection order shall not impact the prompt entry of such an order into the protection order file of the National Crime Information Center. It is to be noted that the alternative method of posting on the website of the clerk of courts is not available for service of protection orders issued pursuant to Civ.R. 65.1.

# RULE 5. Service and Filing of Pleadings and Other Papers Subsequent to the Original Complaint

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by order of the court, any paper after the original complaint, that is required to be served upon a party shall be filed with the court within three days after service, but. The following discovery requests and responses shall not be filed until they are used in the proceeding or the court orders filing: depositions upon oral examination, interrogatories, requests for documents or tangible things or to permit entry on land, and requests for admission, and answers and responses thereto shall not be filed unless on order of the court or for use as evidence or for consideration of a motion

146 in the proceeding. 147 148 [Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space] 149 150 151 Staff Note (July 1, 2016 Amendments) 152 153 Division 5(D), the general rule for the time for filing, is amended to conform the language to the 154 2007 stylistic changes to Fed.R.Civ.P. 5(d) to the extent that the substance of the Ohio and Federal Rules 155 are the same, and to make this general rule for the time for filing subject to, and superseded by, any 156 provision in other civil rules, local rules, or orders of court that set a different time for filing. 157 158 159 160 RULE 10. Form of Pleadings 161 162 [Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space] 163 164 **(D)** Attachments to pleadings. 165 166 (1) Account or written instrument. When any claim or defense is founded on an 167 account or other written instrument, a copy of the account or written instrument must be attached to the pleading. If the account or written instrument is not attached, the reason for the omission 168 169 must be stated in the pleading. 170 171 Affidavit of merit; medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic liability claim (2) 172 claims. 173 174 Except as provided in division (D)(2)(b) of this rule, a complaint that (a) 175 contains a medical claim, dental claim, optometric claim, or chiropractic claim, as defined in section R.C. 2305.113 of the Revised Code, shall include be accompanied by one or 176 177 more affidavits of merit relative to each defendant named in the complaint for whom expert 178 testimony is necessary to establish liability. Affidavits of merit shall be provided by an 179 expert witness pursuant to Rules601(D) and meeting the requirements of Evid.R. 702 of 180 the Ohio Rules of Evidence and, if applicable, also meeting the requirements of Evid.R. 181 601(D). Affidavits of merit shall include all of the following: 182 183 A statement that the affiant has reviewed all medical records (i) 184 reasonably available to the plaintiff concerning the allegations contained in the 185 complaint; 186 187 A statement that the affiant is familiar with the applicable standard (ii) 188 of care; 189 190 The opinion of the affiant that the standard of care was breached by 191 one or more of the defendants to the action and that the breach caused injury to the 192 plaintiff.

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# Staff Notes (July 1, 2016 Amendments)

Rule 10(D)(2) applies to medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic claims, as defined by R.C. 2305.113, and was adopted in 2005 to require that, at the time of the filing of a complaint asserting any such claims, the complaint must be accompanied by certificates of expert review. The rule is amended to remedy an inaccuracy in the prior rule which incorrectly indicated that Evid.R. 601(D) applies to the qualifications of an affiant for all medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic claims. While Evid.R. 702 applies to the qualifications of an affiant for all medical, dental, optometric, and chiropractic claims, Evid.R. 601(D) applies only to the qualifications of an affiant for certain medical claims. See Evid.R. 601(D).

#### **RULE 19.1 Compulsory Joinder**

- **Persons to be joined.** A person who is subject to service of process shall be joined **(A)** as a party in the action, except as provided in subdivision division (B) of this rule, if the person has an interest in or a claim arising out of the following situations:
- Personal injury or property damage to the person or property of the decedent which survives the decedent's death and a claim for wrongful death to the same decedent if caused by the same wrongful act;
- (2) Personal injury or property damage to a husband or wife spouse and a claim of the other spouse for loss of consortium or expenses or property damage if caused by the same wrongful act;
- Personal injury or property damage to a minor and a claim of the parent or guardian of the minor for loss of consortium or expenses or property damage if caused by the same wrongful
- Personal injury or property damage to an employee or agent and a claim of the employer or principal for property damage if caused by the same wrongful act.

If he the person has not been so joined, the court, subject to subdivision division (B) hereof of this rule, shall order that he the person be made a party upon timely assertion of the defense of failure to join a party as provided in Rule Civ.R. 12(B)(7). If the defense is not timely asserted, waiver is applicable as provided in Rule Civ.R. 12(G) and (H). If he the person should join as a plaintiff but refuses to do so, he the person may be made a defendant, or, in a proper case, an involuntary plaintiff. In the event that such joinder causes the relief sought to exceed the jurisdiction of the court, the court shall certify the proceedings in the action to the court of common pleas.

**(B) Exception to compulsory joinder.** If a party to the action or a person described in subdivision (A) shows good cause why that person should not be joined, the court shall proceed without requiring joinder.

241	(C) Pleading reasons for nonjoinder. A pleading asserting a claim for relief shall		
242	state the names, if known to the pleader, of any persons as described in subdivision divisions		
243	(A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) hereof of this rule who are not joined, and the reasons why they are not		
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251	The rule is amended to make gender neutral language changes, including at division 19.1(A)(2) where		
252	"spouse " is substituted for "husband or wife" as a person to be joined in particular actions. The		
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263	(A) Motion for an order compelling discovery. Upon reasonable notice to other		
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267	(1) <b>In general.</b> On notice to other parties and all affected persons, a party may move		
268	for an order compelling discovery. The motion shall include a certification that the movant has in		
269	good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the person or party failing to make discovery in		
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- (2) **Appropriate court.** A motion for an order to a party or a deponent shall be made to the court in which where the action is pending.
  - (2) Motion (3) Specific motions.

- (a) To compel a discovery response. A party seeking discovery may move for an order compelling an answer, designation, production, or inspection. This motion may be made if:
- (i) If a A deponent fails to answer a question propounded or submitted asked under Rule Civ.R. 30 or Rule Civ.R. 31, or a;
- (ii) A corporation or other entity fails to make a designation under Civ.R. 30(B)(5) or Civ.R. 31(A);
  - (iii) A party fails to answer an interrogatory submitted under Rule Civ.R. 33, or if a;

(iv) A party, in response to a request for inspection submitted under Rule 34, fails to respond that inspection will be permitted—or fails to permit inspection—as requested or fails to permit inspection as requested, the discovering party may move for an order compelling an answer or an order compelling inspection in accordance with the request under Civ.R. 34.

- (b) On matters relating Related to a deposition on oral examination. When taking an oral deposition, the proponent of the party asking a question may complete or adjourn the examination before he applies moving for an order.
- (3)(4) Evasive or incomplete answer or response. For purposes of this subdivision division (A), an evasive or incomplete answer is or response shall be treated as a failure to answer or respond.

# (4) Award (5) Payment of expenses of motion; protective orders.

- (a) If the motion is granted. If the motion is granted, the court shall, after opportunity for hearing giving an opportunity to be heard, require the party or deponent who opposed whose conduct necessitated the motion of the motion of the moving party the movant's reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining the order making the motion, including attorney's fees, unless the court finds that the opposition to the motion. But the court shall not order this payment if:
- (i) The movant filed the motion before attempting in good faith to obtain the discovery without court action;
  - (ii) The opposing party's response or objection was substantially justified; or that other
  - (iii) Other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust.
- (b) If the motion is denied. If the motion is denied, the court may issue any protective order authorized under Civ.R. 26(C) and shall, after giving an opportunity for hearing to be heard, require the moving party or movant, the attorney advising filing the motion, or both of them to pay to the party or deponent who opposed the motion the its reasonable expenses incurred in opposing the motion, including attorney's fees, unless the court finds that the making of. But the court shall not order this payment if the motion was substantially justified or that other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust.
- (c) If the motion is granted in part and denied in part. If the motion is granted in part and denied in part, the court may issue any protective order authorized under Civ.R. 26(C) and may, after giving an opportunity to be heard, apportion the reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the motion among the parties and persons in a just manner for the motion.

### (B) Failure to comply with order; sanctions.

(1) If a deponent fails to be sworn or to answer a question after being directed to do so by the court, the failure may be considered a contempt of that court.

(2)(1) For not obeying a discovery order. If any a party or an a party's officer, director, or managing agent of a party or a person witness designated under Rule Civ.R. 30(B)(5) or Rule Civ.R. 31(A) to testify on behalf of a party fails to obey an order to provide or permit discovery, including an order made under subdivision (A) of this rule and Rule Civ.R. 35 or Civ.R. 37(A), the court in which the action is pending may make such issue further just orders in regard to the failure as are just, and among others. They may include the following:

- (a) An order that the matters regarding which the order was made or any Directing that the matters embraced in the order or other designated facts shall be taken to be as established for the purposes of the action in accordance with the claim of the party obtaining the order as the prevailing party claims;
- (b) An order refusing to allow <u>Prohibiting</u> the disobedient party to support or oppose <u>from supporting or opposing</u> designated claims or defenses, or <del>prohibiting him</del> from introducing designated matters in evidence;
- (c) An order striking out pleadings or parts thereof Striking pleadings in whole or in part; or staying
  - (d) Staying further proceedings until the order is obeyed, or dismissing;
- (e) <u>Dismissing</u> the action or proceeding <del>or any part thereof</del> in whole or in part, <del>or rendering</del>:
  - (f) Rendering a default judgment by default against the disobedient party; or
- (d) In lieu of any of the foregoing orders or in addition thereto, an order treating (g) Treating as a contempt of court the failure to obey any orders except an order to submit to a physical or mental examination;
- (e)(2) For not producing a person for examination. Where If a party has failed fails to comply with an order under Rule Civ.R. 35(A) requiring him it to produce another person for examination, such the court may issue any of the orders as are listed in subsections(a), (b), and (c) of this subdivision Civ.R. 37(B)(1), unless the disobedient party failing to comply shows that he is unable to it cannot produce such the other person for examination.

In lieu of any of the foregoing orders (3) Payment of expenses. Instead of or in addition-thereto to the orders above, the court shall require the party failing to obey the order or the disobedient party, the attorney advising him that party, or both to pay the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, caused by the failure, unless the court expressly finds that the failure was substantially justified or that other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust.

### (C) Failure to supplement an earlier response or to admit.

(1) Failure to supplement. If a party fails to provide information or identify a witness as required by Civ.R. 26(E), the party is not allowed to use that information or witness to supply

380 evidence on a motion, at a hearing, or at a trial, unless the failure was substantially justified or is harmless. In addition to or instead of this sanction, the court, on motion and after giving an 381 382 opportunity to be heard: 383 384 May order payment of the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, caused (a) 385 by the failure; 386 387 (b) May inform the jury of the party's failure; and 388 389 May impose other appropriate sanctions, including any of the orders listed in Civ.R. (c) 390 37(B)(1)(a) through (f). 391 392 Expenses on failure to admit (2) Failure to admit. If a party, after being served 393 with a request for admission under Rule 36, fails to admit the genuineness of any documents or 394 the truth of any matter as what is requested under Civ.R. 36, and if the party requesting the 395 admissions thereafter party later proves the genuineness of the a document to be genuine or the 396 truth of the matter he true, the requesting party may apply to the court for an order requiring the 397 other move that the party who failed to admit to pay him the reasonable expenses, including 398 attorney's fees, incurred in making that proof, including reasonable attorney's fees. Unless the The 399 court shall so order unless: 400 401 The request had been was held objectionable under Rule Civ.R. 36(A); (a) 402 403 or the court finds that there was good reason for the failure to admit or that the The (b) 404 admission sought was of no substantial importance, the order shall be made.; 405 406 The party failing to admit had a reasonable ground to believe that it might prevail (c) 407 on the matter; or 408

- (d) There was other good reason for the failure to admit.
- (D) Failure of party Party's failure to attend at its own deposition or, serve answers to interrogatories, or respond to a request for inspection.

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- (a) Motion; grounds for sanctions. The court may, on motion, order sanctions if:
- (i) If a party or an a party's officer, director, or a managing agent of a party or a person designated under Rule Civ.R. 30(B)(5) or Rule Civ.R. 31(A) to testify on behalf of a party fails (1) to appear before the officer who is to take his deposition, after being served with a proper notice, to appear for that person's deposition; or
- (2) to serve answers or objections to interrogatories submitted under Rule 33, after proper service of the interrogatories, or (3) to serve a written response to a request for inspection submitted under Rule 34, after proper service of the request, the court in which the action is

pending on motion and notice may make such orders in regard to the failure as are just, and among others it may take any action authorized under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of subdivision (B)(2) of this rule (ii) A party, after being properly served with interrogatories under Civ.R. 33 or a request for inspection under Civ.R. 34, fails to serve its answers, objections, or written response.

(b) Certification. A motion for sanctions for failing to answer or respond shall include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the party failing to act in an effort to obtain the answer or response without court action.

(2) <u>Unacceptable excuse for failing to act.</u> A failure described in Civ.R. 37(D)(1)(a) is not excused on the ground that the discovery sought was objectionable, unless the party failing to act has a pending motion for a protective order under Civ.R. 26(C).

(3) Types of sanctions. Sanctions may include any of the orders listed in Civ.R. 37(B)(1)(a) through (f). In lieu Instead of any order or in addition thereto to these sanctions, the court shall require the party failing to act or, the attorney advising him that party, or both to pay the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, caused by the failure, unless the court expressly finds that the failure was substantially justified or that other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust.

The failure to act described in this subdivision may not be excused on the ground that the discovery sought is objectionable unless the party failing to act has applied for a protective order as provided by Rule 26(C).

 (E) Before filing a motion authorized by this rule, the party shall make a reasonable effort to resolve the matter through discussion with the attorney, unrepresented party, or person from whom discovery is sought. The motion shall be accompanied by a statement reciting the efforts made to resolve the matter in accordance with this section.

(F) Electronically (E) Failure to provide electronically stored information. Absent exceptional circumstances, a court may not impose sanctions under these rules on a party for failing to provide electronically stored information lost as a result of the routine, good-faith operation of an electronic information system. The court may consider the following factors in determining whether to impose sanctions under this division:

(1) Whether and when any obligation to preserve the information was triggered;

(2) Whether the information was lost as a result of the routine alteration or deletion of information that attends the ordinary use of the system in issue;

(3) Whether the party intervened in a timely fashion to prevent the loss of information;

(4) Any steps taken to comply with any court order or party agreement requiring preservation of specific information;

(5) Any other facts relevant to its determination under this division.

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475	The rule is amended to adopt the 2007 stylistic changes to Fed.R.Civ.P. 37. In adopting those		
476	federal stylistic changes, the amendments also add provisions of the Federal rule that make the following		
477		changes to existing Civ.R. 37:	
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479		1. Including within the scope of amended Civ.R. 37(A)(3), "a corporation or other	
480		entity fails to make a designation under Civ.R. 30(B)(5) or Civ.R. 31(A)";	
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482 483		2. Adding to the exceptions to amended Civ.R. 37(A)(5), "the movant filed the motion	
484		before attempting in good faith to obtain the discovery without court action";	
485		3. Adding to the remedies available under amended Civ.R. 37(A)(5)(b) and Civ.R.	
486		37(A)(5)(c), "the court may issue any protective order authorized under Rule 26(C)"; and	
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488		4. Adding amended Civ.R. 37(C)(1) addressing failure to supplement an earlier	
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500	(E	Attorney Fees. Whenever a provision of these rules authorizes a court to award	
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- (2) Initial service. Initial service, and service of any ex parte protection order that is entered, shall be made in accordance with the provisions for personal service of process within the state under Civ. R. 4.1(B) or outside the state under Civ. R. 4.3(B)(2). Upon failure of such personal service, or in addition to such personal service, service may be made in accordance with any applicable provision of Civ. R. 4 through Civ. R 4.6.
- (3) **Subsequent service.** After service has been made in accordance with division (C)(2) of this rule, any additional service required to be made during the course of the proceedings on Respondent and, if applicable, on the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of Respondent, shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Civ.R. 5(B).

# (4) Modification; contempt; renewal; termination.

- (a) Service of a motion for modification, contempt, renewal, or termination of a civil protection order issued after a full hearing or an approved consent agreement shall be made in the manner provided for service of process under Civ. R. 4 through Civ. R. 4.6.
- (b) After service has been made in accordance with division (C)(4)(a) of this rule, any additional service required to be made on the Respondent and, if applicable, on the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the Respondent, shall be made in accordance with provisions of Civ. R. 5(B).
- (5) Confidentiality. Upon request of the Petitioner, any method of service provided by Civ. R. 4 through 4.6 or by Civ. R. 5(B) may be limited or modified by the court to protect the confidentiality of the Petitioner's address in making service under this division.

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(F) Proceedings in matters referred to magistrates.

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(3) Full hearing proceedings. The following shall apply when these special statutory proceedings are referred to a magistrate for full hearing and determination:

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- (e) Motions for modification, contempt, renewal, or termination of civil protection orders. When a motion for modification, contempt, renewal, or termination of a civil protection order is referred to a magistrate for determination, the provisions of this division (F)(3) relating to full hearing proceedings shall apply unless such provisions would by their nature be clearly inapplicable.
- (G) Final order; objections prior to appeal; stay of appeal. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule, an order entered by the court under division (F)(3)(c) or division (F)(3)(e) of this rule, with or without the subsequent filing of objections, is a final, appealable

order that can be appealed upon issuance of the order. The timely filing of However, a party must timely file objections to such an order under division (F)(3)(d) of this rule prior to filing an appeal, and the timely filing of such objections shall stay the running of the time for appeal until the filing of the court's ruling on the objections.

### Staff Notes (July 1, 2016 Amendment)

### Division (C): Service

It is well-established that all proceedings under R.C. 3113.31, R.C. 2151.34, and R.C. 2903.214 must follow the Rules of Civil Procedure. See, e.g., *State v. Smith*, 136 Ohio St. 3d 1, 2013-Ohio-1698 at ¶21. Accordingly, division (C) provides clear direction regarding the methods of service in civil protection order proceedings. Division (C)(2) directs the clerk of court to cause the first attempt at initial service in these proceedings, including service of a copy of the petition and an exparte order, by personal service of process. This method of service provides the respondent expeditious notice consistent with the urgent nature of these proceedings. Notwithstanding, division (C)(2) also recognizes, only upon failure of personal service, the other methods of service of process in the Rules of Civil Procedure, i.e., Civ R. 4 through 4.6, provide similar reliable form of notice for the initial service.

The plain language of division (C)(3) indicates that subsequent service in civil protection order proceedings after the petition and ex parte order has been served, including service of a protection order entered after full hearing, must follow Civ.R. 5(B). In following the authority of Civ.R. 5(B), division (C)(3) fosters consistency regarding service subsequent to the original complaint, provides a clear direction and discretion regarding the methods of service appropriate for subsequent service in civil protection order proceedings under Civ.R. 5(B), and ensures the Respondent receives reliable notice of full hearing civil protection orders. Additionally, Civ.R. 5(B)(3) requires a proof of service record be created, which includes the date and specific manner by which the service was made under Civ.R. 5(B)(2).

Consistent with R.C. 3113.31, R.C. 2151.34, and R.C. 2903.214, division (C)(4)(a) recognizes that the statutory urgency of adjudicating a civil protection order petition is not part of a motion for renewal, contempt, modification, or termination of a full hearing civil protection order or an approved consent agreement. Accordingly, an initial attempt by personal service is not required and any of the methods of service under Civ.R. 4 through Civ.R. 4.6 is appropriate for such a motion.

Division (C)(4)(b) aligns with division (C)(3) of the rule and clarifies that subsequent service in proceedings for renewal, contempt, modification, or termination of a full hearing civil protection order or an approved consent agreement is to be made in accordance with Civ.R. 5(B).

#### Division (F): Proceedings in matters referred to magistrates.

A new division (F)(3)(e) is also added to address issues discussed in *Schneider v. Razek*, 2015-Ohio-410 (8th Dist.) relating to proceedings on motions for renewal, contempt, modification, or termination of civil protection orders.

## Division (G): Final order; objections prior to appeal; stay of appeal.

Division (G) is amended to require that a party must file objections prior to filing an appeal from a trial court's otherwise appealable adoption, modification, or rejection of a magistrate's ruling. This amendment is grounded on two key principles. First, it promotes the fair administration of justice, including affording the trial court an opportunity to review the transcript and address any insufficiency of evidence or abuse of discretion that would render the order or a term of the order unjust. Second, it creates a more robust record upon which the appeal may proceed.

#### OHIO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

# **RULE 16.** Discovery and inspection

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(H) Discovery: Right to Copy or Photograph. If the defendant serves a written demand for discovery or any other pleading seeking disclosure of evidence on the prosecuting attorney, a reciprocal duty of disclosure by the defendant arises without further demand by the state. A public records request made by the defendant, directly or indirectly, shall be treated as a demand for discovery in a criminal case if, and only if, the request is made to an agency involved in the prosecution or investigation of that case. The defendant shall provide copies or photographs, or permit the prosecuting attorney to copy or photograph, the following items related to the particular case indictment, information or complaint, and which are material to the innocence or alibi of the defendant, or are intended for use by the defense as evidence at the trial, or were obtained from or belong to the victim, within the possession of, or reasonably available to the defendant, except as provided in division (J) of this rule:

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### Staff Notes (July 1, 2016 Amendment)

In *State v. Athon*, 2013-Ohio-1956, the Court addressed the question of when a request of discovery by a criminal defendant triggers reciprocal discovery obligations under Crim.R. 16(H). The amendment seeks to put into effect the rule announced by the Court in *Athon*, and articulates a standard designed to allow defense counsel to be able to determine, at the time of filing a public records request, whether that request would trigger reciprocal discovery.

#### 653 **RULE 601. General Rule of Competency** 654 655 Every person is competent to be a witness except: 656 657 [Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space] 658 659 A person giving expert testimony on the issue of liability in any medical claim, as defined in R.C. 2305.113, asserted in any civil action against a physician, podiatrist, or hospital 660 661 arising out of the diagnosis, care, or treatment of any person by a physician or podiatrist, unless 662 the: 663 664 The person testifying is licensed to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic (1) medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery by the state medical board or by the 665 666 licensing authority of any state, and unless the; 667 668 The person devotes at least one-half of his or her professional time to the active 669 clinical practice in his or her field of licensure, or to its instruction in an accredited school. This; 670 and 671 672 The person practices in the same or a substantially similar specialty as the (3) defendant. The court shall not permit an expert in one medical specialty to testify against a health 673 care provider in another medical specialty unless the expert shows both that the standards of care 674 and practice in the two specialties are similar and that the expert has substantial familiarity between 675 676 the specialties. 677 678 If the person is certified in a specialty, the person must be certified by a board recognized 679 by the American board of medical specialties or the American board of osteopathic specialties in 680 a specialty having acknowledged expertise and training directly related to the particular health care 681 matter at issue. 682 Nothing in this division shall be construed to limit the power of the trial court to adjudge 683 684 the testimony of any expert witness incompetent on any other ground, or to limit the power of the 685 trial court to allow the testimony of any other witness, on a matter unrelated to the liability issues 686 in the medical claim, when that testimony is relevant to the medical claim involved. 687 688 This division shall not prohibit other medical professionals who otherwise are competent 689 to testify under these rules from giving expert testimony on the appropriate standard of care in 690 their own profession in any claim asserted in any civil action against a physician, podiatrist, 691 medical professional, or hospital arising out of the diagnosis, care, or treatment of any person. 692 693 [Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space] 694

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### Staff Notes (July 1, 2016 Amendments)

Nonsubstantive revisions are made to Evid.R. 601(D) to make clear that the rule applies only to expert testimony as to liability in any medical claim, as defined by R.C. 2305.113, asserted against a physician, podiatrist, or hospital arising out of the diagnosis, care, or treatment of any person by a physician or podiatrist. The rule does not apply to expert testimony for any other medical claims, or for any dental, optometric, or chiropractic claims, as defined by R.C. 2305.113.

The structure and provisions of Evid.R. 601(D) are also revised to more-closely resemble the structure of R.C. 2743.43 and to incorporate the provisions of that statute that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the current rule. Pursuant to authority of Article IV, Section 5(B) of the Ohio Constitution, the provisions of R.C. 2743.43 are superseded in their entirety by the amended rule.

# RULE 803. <u>Exceptions to the Rule Against</u> Hearsay <del>Exceptions; Availability of Declarant Immaterial</del> —Regardless of Whether the Declarant Is Available as a Witness.

The following are not excluded by the hearsay rule against hearsay, even though regardless of whether the declarant is available as a witness:

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- (10) Absence of public record or entry. To prove the absence of a record, report, statement, or data compilation, in any form, or the nonoccurrence or nonexistence of a matter of which a record, report, statement, or data compilation, in any form, was regularly made and preserved by a public office or agency, evidence in the form of a certification in accordance with Rule 901(B)(10) or testimony, that diligent search failed to disclose the record, report, statement, or data compilation, or entry Testimony—or a certification under Evid.R. 901(B)(10)—that a diligent search failed to disclose a public record or statement if:
  - (a) The testimony or certification is admitted to prove that:
  - (i) The record or statement does not exist; or
- (ii) A matter did not occur or exist, if a public office regularly kept a record or statement for a matter of that kind; and
- (b) In a criminal case, a prosecutor who intends to offer a certification provides written notice of that intent at least 14 days before trial, and the defendant does not object in writing within 7 days of receiving the notice unless the court sets a different time for the notice or the objection.

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### Staff Note (July 1, 2016 Amendment)

The amendment adopts the 2011 federal stylistic changes made to the introductory language of Fed.R.Evid. 803 and to Fed.R.Evid. 803(10).

The amendment also adds Evid.R. 803(10)(b) which is modeled on a similar amendment made to Fed.R.Evid. 803(10) in 2013 in response to the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts*, 557. U.S. 305 (2009). As explained in the Federal Advisory Committee notes to the 2013 amendment, the *Melendez-Diaz* Court declared that a testimonial certificate could be admitted if the accused is given advance notice and does not timely demand the presence of the official who prepared the certificate. The language of Fed.R.Evid. 803(10)(B) and Ohio Evid.R. 803(10)(b) incorporates, with minor variations, a "notice-and-demand" procedure that was approved by the *Melendez-Diaz* Court.

# 755 OHIO RULES OF JUVENILE PROCEDURE

# RULE 20. Service and Filing of Papers When Required Subsequent to Filing of Complaint.

(A) Service: when required. Written notices, requests for discovery, designation of record on appeal and written motions, other than those which are heard ex parte, and similar papers shall be served upon each of the parties.

**(B) Service:** how made; proof of service. Whenever under these rules or by an order of the court service is required or permitted to be made upon a party represented by an attorney, the service shall be made upon the attorney unless service is ordered by the court upon the party. Service upon the attorney or upon the party, and proof of service, shall be made in the manner provided in Civ. R. 5(B). Papers filed with the court shall not be considered until proof of service is endorsed thereon or separately filed.

(C) Filing. All papers Unless otherwise provided by these rules, by local rule, or by order of the court, any paper after the complaint that is required to be served upon a party shall be filed simultaneously with or immediately with the court within three days after service. Discovery requests and responses shall not be filed until they are used in the proceeding or the court orders filing. Papers filed with the court shall not be considered until proof of service is endorsed thereon or separately filed. The proof of service shall state the date and the manner of service and shall be signed and filed in the manner provided in Civil Rule 5(D).

(D) Filing with the court defined. Filing with the court shall be as defined by Civ.R. 5(E).

### Staff Note (July 1, 2016 Amendments)

The rule is amended to conform its provisions to the 2016 amendments of Civ.R. 5(D). The amendments retain the substance of Juv.R. 20 except (1) the time for filing is changed from "simultaneously or immediately after service" to "within three days after service," (2) this general rule for the time for filing is made subject to, and superseded by, any provision in other juvenile rules, local rules, or orders of court that set a different time for filing, and (3) division (D) is added to define "filing with the court" as it is defined by Civ.R. 5(E).