

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)**Department of Job and Family Services**

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Rule Number

AMENDMENT

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

**Assessor visits and contacts with children in adoptive homes
prior to finalization.****RULE SUMMARY**

1. Is the rule being filed for five year review (FYR)? **No**
2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **No**
3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**
4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **3107.101, 3107.12, 5153.16**
5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **3107.101, 3107.12**
6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

These rules are being filed as a result of guidance from the federal government, and because it is within our statutory authority to update our policies.
7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; If the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE, then summarize the content of the rule:

This rule provides guidance to agencies regarding who is to complete assessor visits for children in a prefinalized adoption placement, as well as the required frequency and content of those visits. Paragraph (A) is being revised to clarify that an assessor from the agency who has full responsibility for case planning and case management of the child's case must complete the visits. The paragraph adds that the caseworker assigned to the child's case shall complete a majority of the required monthly visits. Paragraph (B) was revised to allow contracted agencies to complete subsequent visits if more than one visit per month is required for the case. Paragraph (E) was revised to add that visitation for interstate placements must follow the regulations of the interstate compact, and provide the website for where to locate those regulations.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

This rule incorporates one or more dated references to an ODJFS form or forms. Each cited ODJFS form is dated and is generally available to persons affected by this rule via the inner-web at <http://innerapp.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inner.asp> or on the internet at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inter.asp> in accordance with RC 121.75(E).

This rule incorporates one or more references to another rule or rules of the Ohio Administrative Code. This question is not applicable to any incorporation by reference to another OAC rule because such reference is exempt from compliance with ORC 121.71 to 121.74 pursuant to ORC 121.76(A)(3).

This rule incorporates one or more dated references to a federal act or acts. This question is not applicable to any dated incorporation by reference to a federal act because such reference is exempt from compliance with ORC 121.71 to 121.74 in accordance with ORC 121.75(C).

This rule incorporates one or more references to the United States Code. This question is not applicable to any incorporation by reference to the ORC because such reference is exempt from compliance with ORC 121.71 to 121.74 pursuant to ORC 121.75(A).

This rule incorporates one or more references to the regulations of the interstate compact, which are generally accepted industry standards. Each reference is generally available to persons affected by this rule via the website listed in paragraph (E) of this rule, in accordance with ORC 121.75(E).

9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

Not applicable.

10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so. If applicable, indicate each specific paragraph of the rule that has been modified:

This rule is being refiled in order to correct the FYR date.

12. Five Year Review (FYR) Date: **10/1/2019**

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues / expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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This will have no impact on the current budget.

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

Not applicable.

15. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

No additional costs to comply.

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**

S.B. 2 (129th General Assembly) Questions

18. Has this rule been filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office pursuant to R.C. 121.82? **Yes**

19. Specific to this rule, answer the following:

A.) Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? **Yes**

Certification by ODJFS to operate a private adoption agency.

B.) Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? **Yes**

Lack of compliance could result in revocation of the certificate.

C.) Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? **Yes**

Specific expenditures to meet the agency visitation requirements of this rule if not currently being met.