PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 7/19/2018 TIME: 10:00am

LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower

30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5107.05, 5107.16 and 5107.60 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption, amendment, or rescission of the rule or rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:1-3-01, entitled Ohio works first: federal participation rates, is being proposed for amendment to align the rule with federal guidance pursuant to the 2008 TANF Data Report. The rule describes the federal work participation requirements and activities for work eligible individuals. The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) proposes to amend paragraph (F) of this rule to align with federal guidance for converting weekly-to-monthly hours. Although the required number of weekly hours has not changed, converting weekly hours to monthly hours using a factor of 4.33 instead of 4.3 as designated in paragraph (I) of rule 5101:1-3-12, increases the monthly hours.

Rule 5101:1-3-12, entitled Ohio work first: work activities, is being proposed for amendment to align with federal guidance. The rule describes the work activity guidelines for Ohio Works First. The rule details work eligibility, hour requirements for work participation, work activity assignments, penalties for failure to complete a work assignment, verification of paid work activities and other Ohio Works First work activity requirements. OFA proposes to amend paragraph (I) of this rule to align with federal guidance for converting weekly-to-monthly hours. Although the required number of weekly hours has not changed, converting weekly hours to monthly hours using a factor of 4.33 instead of 4.3 increases the monthly hours. In addition, paragraph (I) has been amended to change an Ohio Administrative Code rule reference from rule 5101:1-2-20 to rule 5101:4-7-01.

A copy of the proposed rule(s) is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule(s) at the address listed below. The rule(s) is also available on the internet at http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/. A public hearing on the proposed rule(s) will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rule(s) or comments on the rule(s) should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at <u>rules@jfs.ohio.gov</u>.

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