

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 11/17/2020
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Teleconference

Due to COVID-19 precautions this meeting will be held by teleconference. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please call in at the above date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D. which is 704 760 342#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5101.02, 5101.49, 5107.05, 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 amendment of these rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are proposed for amendment as a result of the five year review process.

Rule 5101:1-3-01, entitled "Ohio Works First: Federal Work Participation Rates." This rule describes the federal work participation requirements and activities for work eligible individuals. OFA proposes to amend this rule. The following changes have been made to the rule:

- The title of paragraph (A) was updated to "Which section of the Revised Code applies to federal work participation rates?";
- Paragraph (A)(1) was removed and replaced with "Section 5107.05 of the Revised Code authorizes the director of job and family services to adopt rules as necessary to comply with Title IV-A, Title IV-D, federal regulations, state law, and the state plan";
- Paragraph (A)(2) was removed and replaced with "The county agency will administer the work activity programs in accordance with the requirements contained in this rule and not in accordance with sections 5107.40, 5107.42 and 5107.44 of the Revised Code";
- The effective dates of references to 45 C.F.R. in paragraph (B) were updated;
- Countable core and non-core federal work activities were moved to paragraph (F) and titled "What are countable federal work activities?";
- Paragraph (G) was updated to include the federal work participation requirements. Language regarding federal work activities was moved to paragraph (F) for clarity;
- The paragraph regarding the single custodial parent disregard was moved to (G)(6) and language was added to improve clarity;
- Paragraph (H) was added and describes when federal work participation hours are deemed to have been met;
- Minor language changes were also made to improve clarity.

Rule 5101:1-2-60, entitled “The Repatriate program.” This rule describes the policy regarding the repatriate program. OFA proposes to amend this rule. The following changes have been made to the rule:

- Updated language in paragraph (A) to include a reference to paragraph (C)(3) regarding who is eligible for the repatriate program;
- Paragraph (B)(1) was removed and the reference to a time frame of ninety days was replaced with “a period of time in accordance with paragraph (F) of this rule”;
- Language was added to paragraph (B)(2)(d) regarding the maximum amount of assistance that an individual may be eligible for;
- Paragraph (D) updated to describe the repatriate program income and resource requirements;
- Paragraph (F) was moved to paragraph (B)(2)(d) to improve clarity;
- Updated name of “Privacy Act Statement/Repayment Agreement” to “Privacy Act Repayment Agreement Form”;
- Minor language changes were also made to improve clarity.

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. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

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 rules@jfs.ohio.gov.