

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 5/26/22
TIME: 10 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 974 735 97#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5107.05 and 5101.18 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 5101:1-23-10, entitled Ohio Works First: Assistance Group Determination, is being proposed for amendment because of a five-year review. This rule describes the process for determining assistance group composition for Ohio Works First (OWF). The changes to the rule include: the title to paragraph (A) has been amended to “Which section of the Revised Code applies to the assistance group determination?”; language in 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)(3) was stricken as language under paragraph (A)(2) references that the county agencies will follow requirements contained in this rule and not in accordance with section 5107.36 of the Revised Code; and minor language changes were made to improve clarity.

Rule 5101:1-23-20, entitled Ohio Works First: Income and Eligibility, is being proposed for amendment because of a five-year review. This rule describes the policy for determining the gross earned income, gross unearned income, income availability and eligibility calculation process for the Ohio Works First program. The change to the rule includes: minor language changes were made to improve clarity.

Rule 5101:1-23-75 entitled Ohio Works First and Prevention, Retention and Contingency: Assistance Group Ineligibility Due to Receipt of Fraudulent Assistance, is being proposed for amendment because of a five-year review. This rule describes the definitions of “fraudulent assistance” and “intentional violations,” explains how violations are handled in situations of assistance group movement and explains how repayments are made. The changes to rule include: removing form revision dates in paragraph (C) as a result of Senate Bill 221 of the 132nd General Assembly that amended incorporation by reference requirements contained in section 121.71 to 121.75 of the Revised Code.

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 rules@jfs.ohio.gov.