

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: May 16, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Room 3110 B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5104.30, 5104.34, 5104.35, 5104.38 and 5104.39 and Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules are being proposed for amendment to implement provisions of Section 263.60 (TEMP) of Amended Substitute House Bill 64 of the 131st General Assembly to establish an aligned application process for the publicly funded child care (PFCC) program and the Ohio Department of Education's Early Childhood Education (ECE) program; to update the revision date of the JFS Form 01138 "Application for Child Care Benefits;" to update the revision date of the JFS Form 01124 "Redetermination Application for Child Care Benefits;" to meet the requirements of the five year review; and to reflect changes in accrediting bodies, as well as changes in payment rates and procedures.

Rule 5101:2-16-07 "County agency responsibilities for the administration of publicly funded child care" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01138 "Application for Child Care Benefits;" and to include the JFS 01121 "Early Childhood Education Eligibility Screening Tool" and the JFS 01122 "Publicly Funded Child Care Supplemental Application" as alternate ways to apply for child care benefits.

Rule 5101:2-16-30 "Eligibility requirements for receipt of publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01138; to include the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as alternate ways to apply for child care benefits; and to add the requirement that families with more than 1 million dollars in assets are not eligible for Publicly Funded Child Care.

Rule 5101:2-16-34 "Income eligibility requirements for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01138 and to include the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as alternate ways to apply for child care benefits.

Rule 5101:2-16-35 "County agency responsibilities for determining eligibility for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01138; and to include the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as alternate ways to apply for child care benefits.

Rule 5101:2-16-35.1 "Caretaker eligibility requirements to qualify for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01138; and to include the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as alternate ways to apply for child care benefits.

Rule 5101:2-16-36 "County agency responsibility for annual re-determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01124 "Redetermination Application for Child Care Benefits."

Rule 5101:2-16-37 "Caretaker requirements for annual re-determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01124.

Rule 5101:2-16-41 "Payment rates and procedures for providers of publicly funded child care" is being amended to remove specific accrediting bodies providers may use to receive an increase in payments and to add that all accrediting bodies will be approved by ODJFS; and to adjust the Step Up To Quality payment enhancements. A list of approved accrediting bodies will be available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm>. Language has been added to prohibit payment for child care services during the hours a child is in care in another funded program.

Appendix A "Payment rates for providers of publicly funded child care" will be amended to combine payment categories A, B, C and D into one category; and to remove limited agency inspected Type B homes and limited parent/provider inspected Type B homes, as those program types were eliminated on January 1, 2014.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules 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 rules or comments on the rules 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.