

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: November 8, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower,
Room 3110B
30 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5153.166 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 identified below and of a public hearing thereon. This letter transmits amendments to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101.2-44.13 and 5101:2-44-13.1. The following is a brief explanation of the proposed changes:

OAC rule 5101:2-44-13, entitled "**Public children services agency (PCSA) administration of the post adoption special services subsidy (PASSS) program,**" sets forth the requirements that the PCSA is responsible for the administration and determination of eligibility for the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) program.

Updated paragraph (K) with the "**Approval or Denial for Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy**" SACWIS report. Removed the written notice requirement in paragraph (L). Updated paragraph (Q) to include appendix A to rule 5160-27-05 of the OAC for mental health services.

OAC rule 5101:2-44-13.1 "**Eligibility and application process for the post adoption special services subsidy (PASSS) program** is a state-funded program designed to assist eligible families, after adoption finalization.

In paragraph (C)(4)(b)(i) the words "mental retardation" were changed to "intellectual disability." In paragraph (D)(1) the words "certified nurse practitioner" or "other licensed/certified professionals" were added." In paragraph (M) an explanation of gross income above or below 200% federal poverty guideline, and the statement: "If the service amount is higher, the adoptive parent is responsible for the co-pay percentage amount and the overage cost of the service," was added.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule 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, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.