PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 12/20/2023 **TIME:** 10:00 am

LOCATION: Teleconference and Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower,

30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

This meeting will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location, or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D. # which is 643 773 037#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5101.11, 5101.141, 5103.03, 5153.166 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 the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. This rule is being amended.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 106.03, each state agency is required to review its rules a minimum of once every five years. The intent of the law is to ensure that rules are clearly written and that program requirements are accurate, up-to-date and clearly expressed. To the extent possible, unnecessary paperwork will be eliminated, and local agencies will be given increased flexibility. The purpose of a rule review is to determine whether a rule should be continued without amendment, be amended or be rescinded, taking into consideration each rule's scope and purpose.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101:2-47-01 entitled "Administration of the Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance (FCM) Program" This rule sets forth the objectives, goals, and responsibilities for the administration of the Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance (FCM) program. This amendment includes the removal of restrictive language and minor grammatical changes throughout the rule for clarity in addition to a new paragraph (P). The Title IV-E agency is to annually review the amount made to a certified relative or kinship foster family home to confirm it is the same as the amount that would have been made if the child was placed in a certified non-relative foster family home.

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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