

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2008**  
**TIME: 10:00 a.m.**  
**LOCATION: Rm. 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower**  
**30 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio**

Pursuant to section 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 rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:2-44-06 entitled "Eligibility of adoptive family and adoptive child for the state adoption maintenance subsidy program" has been amended to include the change in the revised maximum payment amount from two hundred and fifty dollars to three hundred dollars per month per child for an approved state adoption maintenance subsidy.

Rule 5101:2-44-13 entitled "Public children services agency (PCSA) administration of the post adoption special services subsidy (PASSS) program" has been amended to introduce the new JFS 01052 "Credentials for Providers of PASSS Funded Therapeutic Services and Memorandum of Understanding" form. As part of the approval process, the adoptive parent is responsible for having this form completed by the therapist who will be providing the approved PASSS services. Other amendments to this rule include clarification on payment amounts to a provider when a service is or is not covered under Medicaid.

Rule 5101:2-44-13.1 entitled "Eligibility and application process for the post adoption special services subsidy (PASSS) program" has been amended to clarify the language regarding when an agency is required to enter into a PASSS agreement with a family, revise the definition of "qualified professional" including the addition of an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in the list of "qualified professionals" who can provide an evaluation or assessment, require treatment plans within 30 days of the child's initial visit for therapeutic intervention(s) that will be provided and require families to include a copy of the JFS 01052 when submitting a JFS 01050 "Application for a Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy." New language has been added to this rule to indicate that all surgical, psychiatric, psychological and counseling services must be determined to be medically necessary by a qualified professional and that providers of residential treatment and therapeutic foster care must be licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) or the Department of Mental Health. Other amendments include a definition for "respite care services," an increase in the amount of respite that can be approved per child per state fiscal year, language that the providers of therapeutic services must comply with OAC Chapter 5122 and clarification and revisions to the list of services that shall not be approved for PASSS funds.

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 hold 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 Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:rules@odjfs.state.oh.us).