

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

**DATE:** May 16, 2012  
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.  
**LOCATION:** Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street,  
Room 3110B, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5111.873 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, and 42 C.F.R. 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption of rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to operate a new waiver titled Self-Empowered Life Funding. The waiver program is authorized in 1915

(c) of the Social Security Act and will provide home and community- based services under a participant directed model to individuals with developmental disabilities in order to avoid or delay their institutionalization.

**Rule 5101:3-41-17**, entitled **Medicaid home and community-based waiver services program self-empowered life funding waiver.** This rule establishes the Self - Empowered Life Funding waiver program as a component of the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services program pursuant to sections 5111.85 and 5111.87 of the Revised Code. The rule includes general program operating standards and authorizes sixteen services to be provided under the self-empowered life funding waiver benefit package. This rule is being proposed for adoption.

**Rule 5101:3-41-20**, entitled **Self-Empowered life funding- payment standards as administered by the department of developmental disabilities.** This rule establishes the payment standards governing reimbursement for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) provided by certified or licensed waiver providers to individuals enrolled in the Self-Empowered Life Funding waiver program as a component of the Medicaid program and as administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) in accordance with sections 5111.85 and 5111.873 of the Revised Code. This rule is being proposed for adoption.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule(s) at the address listed below and at the county departments of job and family services. The rules are 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 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 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at [rules@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:rules@jfs.ohio.gov). Comments received may be reviewed at this address.