

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: December 21, 2004
TIME: 10 A.M.
LOCATION: RHODES STATE OFFICE TOWER, ROOM 1823

Pursuant to Section 5111.02 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment and adoption of rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:3-1-39, entitled Verification of home care service provision to home care dependent adults, describes the verification system required by Section 121.36 of the Revised Code for agencies that have employees who provide services to home care dependent adults. The rule is being amended to include hospice agencies as a home care service provider.

Rule 5101:3-12-04, entitled Consumer eligibility for Ohio home care benefits, describes the different eligibility requirements for Ohio home care benefit programs. This rule is being amended to delete a phrase that prohibits those in home and community based service waivers from electing the hospice benefit.

Rule 5101:3-31-03, entitled Eligibility for enrollment in PASSPORT, describes the eligibility requirements for enrollment in the PASSPORT home and community based service waiver. The rule is being amended to delete a paragraph that prohibits those in home and community based service waivers from electing the hospice benefit.

Rule 5101:3-56-02, entitled Eligibility for medicaid hospice services, describes the criteria for eligibility and limitations for services rendered under the medicaid hospice program. This rule is being amended to include which provider types will be providing services when an individual has elected hospice. Also the rule is being amended to define how services will be provided to those individuals who are also enrolled in a home and community based waiver.

Rule 5101:3-56-03.3, entitled hospice services: reporting requirements, is being created to have hospice agencies notify the department when enrollment, election, revocation or a discharge has occurred for an individual enrolled in hospice. This will allow the department to monitor which individuals are enrolled in hospice.

Rule 5101:3-56-04.1, entitled General requirements for eligible providers of hospice services, describes the requirement for providers to be eligible to provide hospice services. This rule is being created to consolidate all requirements for eligible providers of hospice services and clarify that hospice agency providers must be a Medicare certified hospice and participating in the Medicare hospice program.

A copy of the proposed rules are available, without charge, to any person affected by them 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 verbal 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 and comments on them should be submitted by mail to Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at legal@jfs.state.oh.us.