

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

**DATE:** April 24, 2008  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Room 1952, Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street,  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to section 5111.85 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 adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

The HOME Choice (Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice) Demonstration Program is a multi-system demonstration funded through a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Grant. The initiative is referred to in Revised Code Section 309.30.70, adopted under Am. Sub. H.B. 119, 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and budgeted for in the GRF 600-525 account. The HOME Choice Demonstration Program transitions qualifying individuals currently residing in nursing facilities, ICFs-MR and hospitals to a community setting. The HOME Choice Demonstration Program provides additional services to enhance existing Medicaid state plan and home and community-based services (HCBS) that will enable qualified consumers to safely and successfully integrate into community life. The HOME Choice Demonstration Program shall commence on the effective date of these rules and end on September 30, 2011. Any consumer who qualifies prior to September 30, 2011 shall be entitled to receive HOME Choice Demonstration Program services for 365 days beginning on the day the consumer moves from an institutional setting into the community.

Rule 5101:3-47-02.1, entitled Transitions MR/DD Waiver: Eligibility Criteria for Time-Limited Enrollment of HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program Consumers, is being proposed to establish the eligibility criteria a HOME Choice Demonstration Program consumer must meet in order to be enrolled on the Transitions MR/DD Waiver during the time-limited enrollment period that will begin on the effective date of this rule to September 30, 2011.

Rule 5101:3-50-02.1, entitled Transitions Carve-Out Waiver: Eligibility Criteria for Time-Limited Enrollment of HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program Consumers, is being proposed to establish the eligibility criteria a HOME Choice Demonstration Program consumer must meet in order to be enrolled on the Transitions Carve-Out Waiver during the time-limited enrollment period that will begin on the effective date of this rule to September 30, 2011.

Rule 5101:3-51-01, entitled HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program: Definitions, is being proposed to establish key definitions associated with the HOME Choice Demonstration Program.

Rule 5101:3-51-02, entitled HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program: Individual Eligibility for Services and Consumer Hearing Rights, is being proposed to set forth the requirements associated with consumer eligibility for services and consumer hearing rights in the HOME Choice Demonstration Program.

Rule 5101:3-51-03, entitled HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program: Conditions of Participation for Providers, is being proposed to set forth the conditions of participation for providers of services under the HOME Choice Demonstration Program.

Rule 5101:3-51-04, entitled HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program: Definitions of the Covered Services and Program Service Limitations, Provider Qualifications and Specifications, is being proposed to set forth the definitions of the services covered by the HOME Choice Demonstration Program. This rule also sets forth the program service limitations, provider qualifications and specifications for the delivery of HOME Choice Demonstration Program services.

Rule 5101:3-51-05, entitled HOME Choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice") Demonstration Program: Process for Enrolling Service Providers, is being proposed to set forth the provider requirements and specifications that prospective HOME Choice Demonstration Program providers must meet prior to furnishing HOME Choice Demonstration Program services to a consumer.

Rule 5101:3-51-06, entitled HOME Choice (Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice) Demonstration Program: Reimbursement Rates and Billing Procedures, is being proposed to set forth new codes, and the reimbursement rates for HOME Choice Demonstration Program services.

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 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@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:rules@odjfs.state.oh.us).