

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: December 29, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110 B, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad 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 amendment of the rule as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

5101:3-46-07, entitled Ohio Home Care Waiver: Enrollment and Waiting List Process, is being amended to offer potential Ohio Home Care Waiver consumers greater opportunity to fill priority waiver slots, and to make the waiting list process less administratively burdensome. Specifically, the rule sets forth the policies associated with enrollment on the Ohio Home Care Waiver, and the placement and processing of applicants on the Ohio Home Care Waiver waiting list. Changes include removing language that limits priority on the Ohio Home Care Waiver waiting list to applicants who are residents of a Medicaid-funded nursing facility (NF) at the time of application and have a projected monthly cost of services in the community that will not exceed eighty percent of the average monthly Medicaid costs of a Medicaid recipient in a NF. New language offers priority to (a) applicants who are residents of a Medicaid-funded NF at the time of application (without the eighty percent requirement); and (b) applicants who are inpatients of a hospital and have been determined by ODJFS to be eligible for the HOME Choice Demonstration Program (Money Follows the Person).

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rule is also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule 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 or comments on the rule should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.