

**Department of
Children & Youth****PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

DATE: September 18, 2025
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Teleconference and Punderson Conference Room
35 E. Chestnut Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

This meeting will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D # which is 348 001 442#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 119.03 and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth give notice of the department's intent to consider the rescission and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

DCY is adopting Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 5180:

OAC rule 5180:2-16-02, entitled "Application and qualification process for receipt of publicly funded child care benefits" defines how a caretaker will apply for child care benefits. This rule is being rescinded and adopted as a new rule 5180:6-1-02 with the following changes:

- To align with 45 CFR § 98.21(d), homeless child care was updated to be approved and authorized for the entire twelve-month eligibility period.
- Two forms are being removed DCY 01121 and DCY 01122.
- Substance use disorder program (SUD) has been added to Appendix A of the rule as a Qualifying Activity.
- Electronic signatures which now include the following:
 - A digital signature
 - A handwritten signature input on electronic signature pad or display screen or
 - A digitized image of a handwritten signature that is attached to an electronic record or a typed name on an online application. This excludes telephonic signatures as described in paragraph (C)(2) of this rule.

OAC rule 5180:2-16-06, entitled "Authorizations for publicly funded child care services" defines child care authorization, category of authorization and level of service. This rule is being rescinded and adopted as a new rule 5180:6-1-06 with the following changes:

- An hourly authorization is for hours of care totaling fewer than ten hours per week.
- A part-time authorization is for hours of care totaling ten to fewer than thirty-three hours per week.
- A full-time authorization is for hours of care totaling thirty-three hours or more per week.
- Level of Service is defined as:
 - The family's level of service indicates how many weekly hours have been approved for the child to receive care.

OAC rule 5180:2-16-10, entitled "Payment rates and procedures for programs of publicly funded child care services" defines how payment rates are established for PFCC. This rule is being rescinded and adopted as a new rule 5180:6-1-10 with the following changes:

- Category of payments are being revised
- The appendix to this rule is being amended with the 2024 Market Rate Survey rates.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules: 5180:6-1-02, 5180:6-1-06 and 5180:6-1-10 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 to the attention of DCY Rules Coordinator by mail to the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, Legal Division, PO Box 183204, Columbus, Ohio 43218, or by e-mail at rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.