LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5107.05, 5107.76 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 RESCIND AND PROPOSE RULES PERTAINING TO THE RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS, OVERPAYMENTS AND WORK ALLOWANCE OVERPAYMENTS IN THE OHIO WORKS FIRST PROGRAM ON A PERMANENT BASIS AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

The following rule is being proposed for rescission and adoption:

Rule 5101:1-23-70, entitled "OWF: Erroneous payments", is being rescinded and is being replaced by new rule 5101:1-23-70, entitled, AOWF: Erroneous payment@ This rule sets forth the policy for the identification, computation and collection of erroneous payments in the Ohio Works First program for erroneous payments that occurred on or after July 1, 1998, or that occurred prior to July 1, 1998 but were discovered on or after July 1, 1998.

The following rules are being proposed for adoption:

Rule 5101:1-23-70.1, entitled "OWF: Overpayments of ADC/TANF and/or OWF that occurred prior to July 1, 1998", is being proposed to provide policy to address the recovery of ADC/TANF/OWF overpayments that occurred and were discovered prior to July 1, 1998.

Rule 5101:1-23-70.2, entitled "OWF: Work allowance overpayments that occurred prior to October 1, 1997", is being proposed to address the recovery of work allowance overpayments that occurred prior to October 1, 1997.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by them at the address listed below. These rules are available on the internet at http://www.state.oh.us/odjfs/legal.htm. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at 10:00 on October 21, 2003 until all testimony is heard in Room 1823, Rhodes Office Tower, 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Either written or verbal testimony on these rules will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than October 21, 2003, will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on them should be submitted by mail to AOhio 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 Apublic_records@odjfs.state.oh.us@

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