

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

DATE: August 16, 2017
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5104.30, 5104.34, and 5104.38 and Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules are being amended to clarify policy and to implement changes as a result of the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014, Code of Federal Regulation Section 45 Part 98.33.

Rule 5101:2-16-07 "County agency responsibilities for the administration of publicly funded child care" is being amended to remove reference to the JFS 01138 "Application for Child Care Benefits;" the JFS 01121 "Early Childhood Education Eligibility Screening Tool" and the JFS 01122 "Publicly Funded Child Care Supplemental Application" and instead reference rule 5101:2-16-30 for the description of the application process. Language has also been added stating that county agencies may designate an agency computer to assist applicants in submitting an online application.

Rule 5101:2-16-30 "Eligibility requirements for receipt of publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to:

- Update the revision date of the JFS 01138; the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 and to add language defining the application process for publicly funded child care;
- Update paid employment to include maternity leave, leave taken in accordance to FMLA and short term disability;
- Clarify that eligibility shall continue for a previously determined eligible child after a child turns age 13, through the end of the current eligibility period and that eligibility shall continue for a special needs child after a child turns 18, through the end of the current eligibility period;
- Amend language to clarify that the category of authorization shall be maintained for the entire eligibility period unless a change is verified to require an increase;
- Amend language allowing a thirteen week activity gap to occur more than once in a twelve month period.
- Remove a citizenship exemption for qualified aliens born prior to August 22, 1996 because it no longer applies to children young enough to be eligible for publicly funded child care.

Rule 5101:2-16-34 "Income eligibility requirements for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to remove reference to the JFS 01138, the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as ways to apply for child care benefits and instead references rule 5101:2-16-30 for the description of the application process.

Rule 5101:2-16-35 "County agency responsibilities for determining eligibility for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to remove reference to the JFS 01138, the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as ways to apply for child care benefits and instead references rule 5101:2-16-30 for the description of the application process.

Rule 5101:2-16-35.1 "Caretaker eligibility requirements to qualify for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to remove reference to the JFS 01138, the JFS 01121 and the JFS 01122 as ways to apply for child care benefits and instead references rule 5101:2-16-30 for the description of the application process.

Rule 5101:2-16-36 "County agency responsibility for annual re-determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01124 "Redetermination Application for Child Care Benefits."

Rule 5101:2-16-37 "Caretaker requirements for annual re-determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care" is being amended to update the revision date of the JFS 01124.

Rule 5101:2-16-39 "Copayment for publicly funded child care benefits" is being amended to remove the provision that a copayment can increase at the end of the continuation of eligibility after a loss of activity.

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 and Acquisition 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.