

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

DATE: November 6, 2017
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

In accordance with section 5101.141 of the Revised Code. The following rules have been amended to outline the requirements for adopted children who entered Title IV-E Adoption Assistance (AA) agreement at age 16 or 17 and were in the permanent custody of a public children services agency that finalized an adoption before age 18.

5101:2-49-04 "Requirement for adoption assistance past age eighteen" outlines the special needs requirements for an adopted child in receipt of AA to continue to receive the payment beyond age 18. Paragraph (I) was added to list the requirements for an adopted young adult to be eligible for the Adoption Assistance Connections (AAC) to Age Twenty-One program.

5101:2-49-06 "Adoption assistance agreement and duration: provision for financial support and services" outlines the timeframe for an adopted child to receive AA as long as the child continues to meet the special needs requirement and the adopted parent(s) are still providing support. Paragraph (M) was added to reference the AAC program for adopted young adults that had an AA agreement after age 16 or 17 and finalized their adoption before age 18.

5101:2-49-17 "Case record requirements for adoption assistance" outlines the documentation to be maintained in the adoption assistance case record. Paragraph (G) was added to require maintaining a copy of the AA case record with AAC case record, if applicable.

A copy of the proposed rule is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule 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 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.