

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

**DATE:** December 17, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00am  
**LOCATION:** 3110B Rhodes State Office Tower  
30 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

Pursuant to section 5101.1414 and Chapter 119.03 of the Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment and adoption of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. The rules are being amended and adopted to clarify policy relating to the administration of the Bridges program.

OAC 5101:2-50-02, entitled Requirements for bridges eligibility, is being proposed for amendment. This rule provides the eligibility criteria a Bridges applicant must meet to enroll in the program. This rule also contains the steps to apply for Bridges and the denial process. This rule has been amended to expand eligibility pursuant to H.B. 166, and language was added to explain provisional enrollment. Language referencing a Bridges plan was removed.

OAC 5101:2-50-03, entitled Bridges termination and reentry, is being proposed for amendment. This rule provides the reasons a Bridges participant will be terminated from Bridges. This rule also contains the termination and reentry process for Bridges. This rule has been amended to provide clarity on program expectations, and language was added to explain the termination process for provisional enrollment.

OAC 5101:2-50-04, entitled Bridges Title IV-E eligibility and reimbursability determination, is being proposed for amendment. This rule provides guidance on how Title IV-E eligibility and reimbursability are determined for a Bridges participant. This rule has been amended to provide clarity on program expectations, and language was added regarding placement leave statuses.

OAC 5101:2-50-05, entitled Bridges appeal process, is being proposed for amendment. This rule provides the steps individuals will take if they decide to appeal a denial or termination from Bridges. This rule has been amended to provide clarity on program expectations

OAC 5101:2-50-06, entitled Bridges approved supervised independent living settings and visitation requirements, is being proposed for adoption. This rule provides guidance on approved supervised independent living settings and visitation requirements for Bridges.

OAC 5101:2-50-07, entitled Bridges assessment, plan and review, is being proposed for adoption. This rule provides guidance on the process to complete the Bridges assessment, plan and review.

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OAC 5101:2-50-08, entitled Case records for bridges, is being proposed for adoption. This rule provides guidance on maintaining case records for Bridges.

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

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