

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

DATE: December 29, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 1858, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Chapters 5104. and 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon. These rules are being proposed for amendment to implement the statewide automated child care eligibility, authorization and payment system.

Rule 5101:2-16-01 entitled "Definitions for eligibility for publicly funded child care benefits" has been amended to clarify language and to add new definitions for adjustment, authorization, case, deduction, eligibility period, eligible provider, household, Step Up To Quality. The definition of "Certificate of Authorization for Payment of Publicly Funded Child Care Services (COAP)" has been deleted.

Rule 5101:2-16-07 entitled "County department of job and family services administrative responsibilities for determining eligibility for publicly funded child care benefits" has been amended to add requirements for submission of data to the new system and to introduce a new provider agreement form that will serve as the contract between child care providers and ODJFS.

Rule 5101:2-16-35 entitled "Determination of eligibility for publicly funded child care by the county department of job and family services (CDJFS)" has been amended to change the title, to specify the use of forms and system-generated equivalent forms, to change necessary eligibility determination timelines for the CDJFS and for caretakers and to clarify language. The revision dates of forms have been updated and a new verification checklist has been added to assist caretakers in providing supporting documentation.

Rule 5101:2-16-39 entitled "Copayment for publicly funded child care" has been amended to clarify language and to add a new form.

Rule 5101:2-16-41 entitled "Reimbursement rates for providers of publicly funded child care" has been amended to clarify language regarding absent days, to add a new form and to change the add holidays to the definition of non-traditional hours.

Rule 5101:2-16-42 entitled "Reimbursement ceiling waivers for children with special needs " has been amended to clarify language.

Rule 5101:2-16-44 entitled "County department of job and family services requirements for the purchase of child care services" has been amended to clarify language, to introduce the new provider agreement form and to remove language related to payments to providers by the CDJFS.

Rule 5101:2-16-55 entitled "Use of the JFS 01140 "Certificate of Authorization for Payment of Publicly Funded Child Care Services (COAP) to contract with providers" is being rescinded. A new rule with the same number and a new title is being proposed to explain the use of the revised temporary voucher.

Rule 5101:2-16-71 entitled "Child Care Improper Payments" has been amended to clarify language and to remove language related to payments to providers by the CDJFS.

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 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.