

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice of its intent to rescind and adopt the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code, and to conduct a public hearing thereon.

5123:2-1-11 entitled "Case management services for eligible individuals who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities" is being proposed for rescission based on a reviewed conducted pursuant to section 119.032 of the Revised Code and statute changes enacted by House Bills 94 and 405 of the 124th General Assembly. This rule establishes the requirements for case management services provided by county boards of MR/DD and will be replaced with a proposed new rule with the same rule number.

5123:2-1-11 entitled "Service and support administration" is a new rule being proposed for adoption to comply with House Bills 94 and 405 of the 124th General Assembly. This rule defines the responsibilities of a county board for service and support administration pursuant to section 5126.15 of the Revised Code and establishes a single point of accountability for individuals who receive service and support administration.

5123:2-5-01 entitled "Adult services and case management certification standards for employees of county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities" is being proposed for rescission based on a review conducted pursuant to section 119.032 of the Revised Code and statute changes enacted by House Bills 94 and 405 of the 124th General Assembly. The adult services certification standards will be replaced with proposed new rule 5123:2-5-01. The case management certification standards will be replaced with the service and support administration certification standards proposed in new rule 5123:2-5-02.

5123:2-5-01 entitled "Adult services registration and certification standards" is a new rule being proposed for adoption to replace the portions of rules 5123:2-5-01 and 5123:2-5-02 that address adult services certification and registration standards. This rule establishes minimum qualifications through registration and certification standards for staff working in adult services positions at county boards of MR/DD or their contract agencies. The adult services registration and certification standards are being updated to align with the proposed service and support administration standards (i.e., updating titles of required programmatic classes; allowing completion of programmatic classes via 30-hour department-approved seminars for all levels of certification; changing the duration of the provisional grade credential from four to five years and the duration of the professional grade credential from eight to ten years; specifying the positions for which registration and certification is required; clarifying that the substitute grade registered service level registration is for interim-intermittent employees working less than one-half year).

5123:2-5-02 entitled "Adult services and case management registration standards for employees of county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities" is being proposed for rescission based on a review conducted pursuant to section 119.032 of the Revised Code and statute changes enacted by House Bills 94 and 405 of the 124th General Assembly. The adult services registration standards will be replaced with proposed new rule 5123:2-5-01. The case management registration standards will be replaced with the service and support administration registration standards proposed in new rule 5123:2-5-02.

5123:2-5-02 entitled "Service and support administration registration and certification standards" is a new rule being proposed for adoption to support the transition from case management to service and support administration as set forth by House Bills 94 and 405 of the 124th General Assembly. The proposed new rule replaces the portions of proposed rescinded rules 5123:2-5-01 and 5123:2-5-02 that address case management certification and registration standards. This rule establishes minimum qualifications through registration and certification standards for staff working in service and support administration positions at county boards of MR/DD or their contract agencies.

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held on **May 27, 2004**, beginning at **9:30 A.M.**, and continuing until all persons in attendance have had an opportunity to testify. The hearing will be held in the **Training Room of the Columbus Developmental Center Administration Building located at 1601 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio**. At this hearing, the Department will accept verbal and/or written testimony on the proposed rules under consideration.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments on the proposed rules. Any written comments submitted on or before the public hearing date will be treated as testimony and made available for public review. Submittal of written comments must be made to Debbie Marcum, Administrative Rules Coordinator, by e-mail at debbie.marcum@dmr.state.oh.us; by fax at 614/752-5302; or by mail at 1810 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223-1239.

A copy of the proposed rules is available on the Register of Ohio web site at <http://registerofohio.state.oh.us>. The proposed rules are also available on the department's web site at <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us> or by contacting the Administrative Rules Coordinator at the above address.