

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** April 24, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Lobby Hearing Room

**Rhodes State Office Tower** 

30 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice of its intent to rescind and adopt rules of the Administrative Code on a permanent basis on or about June 5, 2023, and to conduct a public hearing thereon. At this public hearing, the Department will accept verbal and/or written testimony regarding the proposed rule actions.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments regarding the proposed rule actions. Any written comments received on or before the public hearing date will be treated as testimony and made available for public review. Submittal of written comments may be made to Becky Phillips, Administrative Rules Coordinator, by email to <a href="mailto:becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov">becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov</a> or by U.S. mail to 1810 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223-1239.

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Based on the required five-year review, two rules governing certification standards for employees of county boards of developmental disabilities are being rescinded and replaced by new rules.

Rule 5123:2-5-01 (Adult services certification standards) establishes minimum qualifications through certification standards that apply to persons, directly providing or supervising the provision of adult services, who are employed by county boards of developmental disabilities. The rule is being rescinded and replaced by new rule 5123-5-01 of the same title. New rule 5123-5-01 reflects revisions to:

- Align general training requirements for persons who provide or supervise the provision of adult services with requirements for staff of certified providers of supported living in rule 5123-2-08 (Provider certification agency providers).
- Eliminate provisions that addressed implementation of rule 5123:2-5-01 in 2017.
- Update citations to the Administrative Code.
- Align wording with newer rules.

Rule 5123:2-5-02 (Service and support administration) establishes minimum qualifications through certification standards that apply to persons, directly providing or supervising the provision of service and support administration, who are employed by county boards of developmental disabilities and entities under contract with county boards of developmental disabilities to provide or supervise the provision of service and support administration. The rule is being rescinded and replaced by new rule 5123-5-02 of the same title. New rule 5123-5-02 reflects revisions to:

- Align general training requirements for persons who provide or supervise the provision of service and support administration with requirements for staff of certified providers of supported living in rule 5123-2-08 (Provider certification - agency providers).
- Eliminate provisions that addressed implementation of rule 5123:2-5-02 in 2017.
- Update citations to the Administrative Code.
- Align wording with newer rules.

The rules are available for review at the <u>Register of Ohio</u> and at the <u>Department's website</u>. The rules are also available for review at each county board of developmental disabilities.

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