

DATE: 10/14/2021
TIME: 10am
LOCATION: Teleconference

Due to COVID-19 precautions this meeting will be held by teleconference. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please call in at the above date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D. which is 912 229 571#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to section 5116.06 and Chapter 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 amend and rescind rules as identified below, and of a public hearing thereon, due to the five-year rule review requirements.

Rule 5101:14-1-01, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: definitions. The existing rule defines terms that are integral to the purpose and administration of the program. Amended vocabulary reflects new procedures and policies, new partnerships between workforce development programs, and changes in technology.

Rule 5101:14-1-02, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: general. The existing rule describes the overall nature of CCMEP, by identifying its purposes, participation criteria, services offered, funding source, and administrative responsibilities. Changes include a new statement of purpose, and edits that implement state policy updates, new program partnerships, and technological changes.

Rule 5101:14-1-03, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: program plan. The existing rule prescribes the content of the local area CCMEP operating plan, as well as the procedures for its development, submittal, and approval. Rescission is proposed, because the planning procedures addressed by this rule, are more appropriately specified at the level of administrative guidance, than in legal policy.

Rule 5101:14-1-04, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: referral, comprehensive assessment, individual service strategy and individual opportunity plan. The existing rule specifies the procedures by which a potential participant is: referred to CCMEP; assessed as eligible for enrollment in the program and specific services; and provided with an individual opportunity plan that guides his/her progress through CCMEP. Amended language clarifies the local responsibilities and timelines affecting participant intake and the planning of individual services.

Rule 5101:14-1-05, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: case management. The existing rule provides some specific requirements for the nature and length of CCMEP services; establishes procedures for engaging the participant in them, and for tracking his/her progress and completion; and makes certain distinctions between TANF-eligible participants and others, in regard to service content and monitoring. Language is edited to better specify case management requirements; there are also updated legal citations and data system terminology.

Rule 5101:14-1-06, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: program exit and follow-up services. The existing rule stipulates the conditions that trigger participant exit from CCMEP; the procedures for effecting program exit; and the purposes, pre-requisites, and procedures for follow-up services after exit. Edits to this rule are minor, and consist of correcting punctuation and reconciling terminology with other rules in the chapter.

Rule 5101:14-1-07, entitled Comprehensive case management and employment program: primary performance measures. The existing rule specifies the mandatory types and levels of performance for a local CCMEP program, and prescribes procedures for reporting data that track performance. Language is updated to remove reference to a performance criterion that is no longer applicable, and to clarify that the remaining criteria pertain only to participants in WIOA-funded services.

Copies of the proposed rules are 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 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.