

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: July 12, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lobby Hearing Room
Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

SUBJECT: Rules governing certification of employees of county boards of developmental disabilities

Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice of its intent to amend, rescind, and adopt rules of the Administrative Code on a permanent basis on or about August 19, 2024, 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. 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 becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov or by U.S. mail to 1810

Sullivant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223-1239. Comments regarding rules are public records; persons submitting comments should refrain from including confidential or personal information about themselves or any other person.

Rule 5123-5-04 (Denial, suspension, and revocation of adult services, business manager, and service and support administration registration and certification) establishes the grounds and procedure for Superintendents of county boards of developmental disabilities to deny, suspend, and revoke Adult Services, Business Manager, and Service and Support Administration registration and certification issued in accordance with Section 5126.25 of the Revised Code. Based on the five-year review, the rule is being amended to:

- Update language to reflect intervention in lieu of conviction for disqualifying offenses,
- Update citations to the Administrative Code, and
- Align wording with newer rules.

Rule 5123-5-08 (Certification standards for business managers of county boards of developmental disabilities) establishes minimum qualifications through certification standards for persons employed by or under contract with county boards of developmental disabilities as Business Managers in accordance with Section 5126.054 of the Revised Code. Necessary amendments were identified based on the five-year review. Due to the volume of amendments, the existing rule is being rescinded and replaced by a new rule of the same number and title. The new rule reflects revisions to:

- Eliminate alternative paths created to transition existing county board staff when the Business Manager certification was created in 2019,
- Adjust continuing professional education requirements for renewal of five-year certification,
- Update citations to the Administrative Code, and
- Align wording with newer rules.

The rules are available for review at the [Register of Ohio](#) and at the [Department's website](#). The rules are also available for review at each county board of developmental disabilities.

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