

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: December 17, 2019

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Rhodes State Office Tower, Room 3110B
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to Section 5101.141 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the director of the Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101:2-49-04 entitled "**Requirement for Title IVE Adoption Assistance (AA) Past Age Eighteen**" outlines the requirements for AA for children with an existing adoption assistance agreement that are eighteen to twenty-one years of age. To be eligible for adoption assistance beyond age eighteen, the child must have a documented physical, mental disability or medical condition that is verified annually. Reinstated original language in paragraph (B)(1) for social security disability eligibility criteria. Additional language was reinstated in paragraph (D) that was erroneously omitted in the previous version of the rule. Clarification for a child with a "physical, mental disability or medical condition" for continuation of AA eligibility was made throughout the rule for consistency. Minor edits, clarification and rule references were made throughout.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101:2-49-21 entitled "**Reimbursement of Title IV-E Nonrecurring Adoption Expenses for a Child with Special Needs**" outlines the requirements for eligibility for nonrecurring adoption expenses and the reimbursement of the nonrecurring adoption expenses. Reinstated original language in paragraph (I) to clarify the submission of a request for payment or reimbursement and proof of expenditures for nonrecurring expenses within two years of adoption finalization or disruption prior to adoption finalization. Minor edits were made throughout. No substantive changes were made to the rule.

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.

Request 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, by fax at 614-752-8289, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.